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Sgt. Jim Davis, 34, of Kokomo, Ind., provides cover for soldiers and reporters as the group moves through an alley in Najaf, Iraq, on Aug. 27.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

Nation

Church sexual abuse: One of two remaining accusers in the Paul Shanley rape case did not appear in court Friday for a pretrial hearing, but prosecutors said they expected the accuser to remain in the case.

Shanley's defense attorney, Frank Mondano, questioned whether the accuser was going to "stay the course" in the case. But district attorney's spokesman Tim St. Laurent told the Boston Herald, "The charges do stand and we will go forward."

The 73-year-old defrocked priest was a key figure in the church sexual abuse scandal that began in Boston in 2002.

Shanley is currently facing six rape charges and four charges of indecent assault. Prosecutors in July dropped several charges brought by accusers Anthony Driscoll and Gregory Ford.

Baseball bat beating: A second suspect has pleaded not guilty in the baseball bat beating deaths of six people last month.

Jervone Hunter, 18, filed the plea Thursday afternoon, his attorney said Friday. The accused ringleader, Troy Victorino, 27, entered a not-guilty plea last month.

An arraignment for the four suspects was set for Monday.

Victorino, Hunter, Michael Salas, 18, and Robert Cannon, 18, were each charged with first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, abuse of a human body and armed burglary. They also were charged with cruelty to animals for killing a small dog that was in the house.

State Attorney John Tanner said he would seek the death penalty for all four defendants.

Hunter, Salas and Cannon confessed to participating in the Aug. 6 murders, according to investigators with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office.

Teacher-student relationship: A man who had two children with his former sixth-grade teacher said the two have been meeting daily since her release from prison last month and would like to marry.

Mary Kay Letourneau, 42, served 7½ years in prison for child rape for her relationship with Vili Fualaau, who was 12 when their relationship began at a Seattle-area school. "We still have the same feelings for each other, times forever," Fualaau, now 21, said in an interview at air Wednesday on "The Larry Elder Show," a newly syndicated television show.

A judge last month granted Fualaau's request to lift an order barring Letourneau from contacting him. He said he's been "seeing her every day" since her release, Fualaau said.

The couple's daughters, ages 7 and 6, are in the custody of Fualaau's mother. Fualaau said he will seek custody of them at some point.

Smuggled immigrants: A federal grand jury indicted two Hong Kong brothers Friday for allegedly plotting a scheme in which 17 Chinese immigrants were smuggled into port inside a 40-foot-long shipping container.



Afghanistan elections: Afghan boys display posters of Ahmad Shah Masoud and walk around his mausoleum at a ceremony marking the third anniversary of his assassination in the village of Basarak in the Panjshir valley, about 100 miles north of Afghanistan's capital, Kabul. Masoud waged an armed struggle against the Taliban before he was killed. Meanwhile, the Afghan government on Saturday announced the replacement of two regional governors in a move to establish control ahead of landmark presidential elections.

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Yau-Hang Chan and Yau-Hung Chan were being held by Hong Kong authorities on Chinese immigration charges and U.S. authorities plan to seek their extradition, said Virginia Kice, spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Officers acting on a tip found the smuggled immigrants Feb. 24 in a shipping container at the Port of Los Angeles. They had spent about 25 days inside the box with little more than water, dried noodles, battery-powered fans and makeshift toilets fashioned from water bottles, officials said.

A 10-inch hole in the container provided ventilation, officials said.

West Nile virus: Oregon's first confirmed human case of West Nile virus has been found in a teenage boy, health officials said Friday.

The boy probably was exposed to the disease last month when bitten by an infected mosquito, said Dr. Mel Kohn, the state epidemiologist.

Kohn declined to identify the teenager, who went to an emergency room for his symptoms but was never hospitalized. He has since recovered.

Kohn warned that the disease could be more severe next summer.

"I would say that the second year after we had an infection like this tends to be much worse," he said.

Janklow accident: The family of a man killed when Bill Janklow sped through a stop sign and hit his motorcycle wants the former South Dakota congressman to pay civil damages — not the federal government. Ronald Meshesher, attorney for the family of Randy Scott, asked U.S. District

Judge Ann Montgomery at an appeals hearing Friday to return the family's wrongful death lawsuit to state court in Minnesota.

Scott's family wants the case returned to Minnesota, where Scott lived and where the lawsuit was filed, so they can seek money from Janklow through punitive damages, which are not allowed in federal court.

Janklow, 64, resigned from Congress in January after being convicted in South Dakota of second-degree murder and other charges stemming from Scott's death. He has appealed his criminal conviction to that state's Supreme Court, which has not yet ruled.

World

Mexico drug trafficking: A Mexican court has upheld the 15-year prison sentence against a man found guilty of helping to operate a drug-trafficking tunnel between Mexico and the United States, officials said Friday.

Jose Marco Antonio Ortiz, 37, had appealed the sentence on drug trafficking charges that was first handed down in May, but a judge rejected his appeal, the federal Attorney General's office said in a news release.

The drug tunnel was uncovered in April.

Serial killer case: Confessed serial killer Michel Fournier is mentally fit to stand trial if found guilty of a psychiatric report presented Friday.

The report was presented to a court in the southern city of Dinant which confirmed a pretrial detention order on Fournier after a short hearing.

Fournier, 62, has confessed to killing nine people, mostly girls and young women, in France and Belgium between 1987 and 2001.

He is also suspected of more killings. No date has yet been set for his trial.

Milosevic trial: A group that supports former President Slobodan Milosevic appealed Saturday to Serbian authorities to assist the war crimes suspect's defense in his trial at the U.N. war crimes court in the Netherlands.

Responding to a decision by the U.N. tribunal to appoint two defense lawyers for Milosevic against his will, the group demanded that Belgrade "do all it can to ensure that the rights of Slobodan Milosevic, a citizen of our country, are protected."

Called Sloboda, or Freedom, the group accused the U.N. court of violating "all international norms and conventions by imposing unwanted counsel" on Milosevic, who had been defending himself.

The court said last week appointing the lawyers was necessary because Milosevic is not healthy enough to defend himself.

Milosevic's poor health has caused numerous delays in the trial, which began more than 2½ years ago.

Middle East unrest: Israeli troops moved out of the northern Gaza Strip on Saturday, after a four-day operation that left eight Palestinians dead and tens of thousands in the area without electricity and running water.

At daybreak, tanks drove away from the towns of Beit Lahia and Beit Hanoun and the outskirts of the sprawling Jebelaji refugee camp, from where Palestinian militants frequently fire rockets at Jewish settlements and Israeli border towns.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Correction

A Sept. 1 story about Brig. Gen. Rebecca Halstead's promotion contained incorrect information. None of the soldiers who jumped into Grenada on Oct. 25, 1983, were women.

Comics, horoscopes and advice
every day in Stars and Stripes

... Guard in Iraq recalls Sept. 11 attacks

Many troops who were on the scene at the World Trade Center now fighting abroad

BY LISA BURGESS
Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE O'RYAN, Iraq — Sept. 11, 2001, has a special meaning for hundreds of deployed military members who were either witnesses to or involved in the immediate aftermath of the attack.

But perhaps the day means the most to 50 or so of the soldiers of the New York National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment.

These men were part of the New York National Guard who were the first military responders to the New York disaster, said Task Force 2-108th commander, Lt. Col. Mark Warnecke, of Saugerties, N.Y. The guard unit helped secure a perimeter around the New York crash site immediately after the attack.

Now the 2-108th, an air assault battalion, has been deployed to Iraq as "Task Force Hunter" at Forward Operating Base O'Ryan, near Balad. The unit is under the control of Capt. Randall Dragon of Arlington, Va., commander of the 1st Infantry Division's 2nd Combat Brigade Team.

To the 2-108th, the Iraq deployment "takes the war [on terror] full cycle," Warnecke said.

After the initial attacks on the twin towers, the N.Y. guardsmen were sent to provide security for airports, bridges, nuclear facilities, and other key places around the state.

"And now we're mobilized" for



Operation Iraq Freedom II, he said.

But the memories of what started it all will never go away.

"I remember on Sept. 12, in the piles of rubble near [Ground Zero], seeing a woman's hand," said Warnecke said during a commemoration ceremony held at

FOB O'Ryan. "And in that hand was a small, singed and dust-covered teddy bear with a heart on its chest. On the heart were the words, 'I love you, Mommy'." Warnecke told his assembled troops.

"To mother and child I say, late on dark nights in Iraq, when I am



PHOTOS BY LISA BURGESS/Stars and Stripes

Left: A soldier from the 1st ID Support Command contemplates the new fallen soldier fountain and reflection pool opened Sept. 11 at Camp Speicher. Right: Second Lt. Lee Tate, of Staunton, Va., plays "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes during a Sept. 11 ceremony at Forward Operating Base O'Ryan, near Balad.

on patrol, you are both with me," Warnecke said. "And I know why I am here."

The unit's Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Wicks, of West Sand Lake, N.Y., remembers, too.

As a New Yorker, "I feel I have a vested interest" in the Iraq mission, he said. "I'm here so my children won't have to be here."

At Camp Speicher, Gen. Stephen Mundy, the 1st Infantry Division's assistant division commander for support, said he also can't forget Sept. 11.

Mundy, who was then the division chief for the section of the Army that deals with aviation issues, was just leaving the Pentagon to attend an Army Aviation transformation meeting with the National Guard building on the day the terrorists attacked the United States.

As he was leaving the South parking lot, Mundy, of Colorado Springs, Colo., saw the aircraft as it made its fateful turn from the highway and towards the building.

"Three years ago, the nation was at peace," Mundy told the soldiers of Camp Speicher, home to the 1st Infantry Division's Support Command.

"It was all shattered on Sept. 11," Mundy said during a morning ceremony at Speicher to dedicate three separate memorials to both the victims of Sept. 11, and the military members who have been fighting the war on terror ever since.

And while "more than 1,000 American lives lost in Iraq is a tragedy, like each and every one of you, I will gladly sacrifice my life ... to see that all men and women are free and equal," Mundy said.

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Blasts hit capital, U.S. consular office

BY BASSEM MROUE
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Large explosions shook the center of the Iraqi capital late Saturday, only hours after a bomb detonated near a U.S. consular office in southern Iraq, killing one person and wounding another.

The blasts in Baghdad occurred about 10:10 p.m. and were part of a series of strong detonations which rattled the heart of the city throughout the day.

In the late night barrage, three or four projectiles — mortar shells or rockets — slammed into a group of apartment buildings off Firdos Square across the street from the Palestine and Sheraton hotels where many international journalists are based.

Col. Adnan Abdul-Rahman, an Interior Ministry official, said there were no reports of casualties around the apartment houses.

In Basra, Iraq's major southern city, a bomb exploded outside a Saddam Hussein palace that now houses a U.S. consular office. Police said one person died and two were wounded — all believed to be Iraqis.

Meanwhile in Baghdad, a U.S. warplane, launched an airstrike on militants loyal to rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr on Saturday as American and Iraqi forces attacked militants hunkered down in the sprawling eastern Baghdad slum of Sadr City.

The plane fired on a team of militiamen manning a machine gun, said U.S. Capt. Brian O'Malley of the 1st Brigade Combat Team.

Residents reported that gunfire rocked the city be-

fore the attack, but there was no word on civilian casualties.

"They spotted the team from the air ... and they engaged and destroyed the team," O'Malley said.

To the north of the capital, more residents fled the city of Tal Afar amid a siege of the largely ethnic Turkish city where Iraqi and American forces say they are trying to root out hundreds of militants and restore government control, the military said.

The extent of the exodus was not immediately clear, but the military said the International Red Crescent was offering help and medical care to the displaced.

U.S. commanders have insisted they will limit traffic into and out of Tal Afar for as long as it takes to subdue what they said were foreign fighters holed up there. Lt. Col. Paul Hastings said U.S. forces and Iraqi National Guard troops are screening anyone who wants to return.

"They're very careful about letting people back in the city," he said, adding that the military wants to prevent foreign fighters from slipping back in.

The siege of Tal Afar, which the Americans describe as a hub for militants smuggling fighters and arms from Syria, has been criticized from within and outside Iraq.

A leading Shiite Muslim politician, Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, said the Americans' caused "catastrophes" by using force — a situation that he said would have been avoided if the Iraqis were in charge of security. U.S. troops have said they were fighting "a large terrorist organization."

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 1,008 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 762 died as a result of hostile action and 246 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand and the Netherlands two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 867 U.S. servicemen have died — 650 as a result of hostile action and 217 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No deaths were reported.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Sgt. James D. Faulkner, 23, Clarksville, Ind.; died Wednesday in Baghdad, Iraq when his military vehicle hit an explosive, assigned to the 20th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division; Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Army Spc. Yoe M. Aneiros, 20, Newark, N.J.; died Tuesday in Sadr City, Iraq when his vehicle came under attack; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division; Fort Riley, Kan.

■ Army Staff Sgt. Elvis Bourdon, 36, Youngstown, Ohio; died Monday in Baghdad, Iraq when his vehicle came under attack; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division; Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Army Spc. Brandon M. Read, 21, Greenville, Tenn.; died Monday in Qayyarah, Iraq, when his convoy came under attack; assigned to the 125th Transportation Company, Lexington, Ky.

■ Army Pfc. Ryan M. McCauley, 20, Lewisville, Texas; died Sunday in Baghdad, Iraq when his patrol came under attack; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division; Fort Hood, Texas.

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Talks aside, Najaf was won on the ground

Troops' systematic seizure of areas around Imam Ali mosque led to eventual cease-fire

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

From the first clashes with Muqtada al-Sadr's militia members on the streets of Najaf, Iraq, on Aug. 12, to the final cease-fire 15 days later, American troops fought a battle that sometimes was overshadowed by political and religious events.

But as the politicians and religious leaders met, soldiers and Marines fought — and dominated — the battlefield.

"The soldiers and Marines that fought with Task Force 2-7 performed remarkably," said Lt. Col. Jim Rainey, commander, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment. "They took the fight to the enemy and closed with the enemy and destroyed the enemy, whether he attacked us, or attempted to hide from us, or attempted to exfiltrate away from us."

Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, along with a battalion landing team from the 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment took part in the fight.

The plan was simple. While 1-5 Cav and BLT 1/4 pushed from the north toward Najaf's Medina — an area that houses the Imam Ali mosque and was the focal point of the militia's defense — 2-7 Cavalry fought its battle from the south and east through the old city of Najaf.

"Our original plan ... was aimed at seizing areas from which we could dominate portions of the city," said 2-7 Cav operations officer Maj. Tim Karcher, 37, of Harker Heights, Texas.

During their first day of battle, Cougar Company fought its way into the southwest corner of the city, where it faced a barrage of small arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades and even makeshift bombs.

Concurrently, Apache and Comanche companies pushed up



Spec. Mario Trigueros of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, stands guard in Objective Christy in Najaf, as smoke from a burning building rises behind him.

from the south, taking the southeast portion of the old city area. Comanche then drove north, cutting off the Medina complex from near by Kufa, which was believed to be the main supply route for militia forces.

"The enemy fighters seemed to be caught off guard initially," said Karcher. "We ruptured their defenses. We had traumatized the enemy, we hit them so quickly and hard."

Over the next two days, the battalion advanced to selected objectives, tightening the noose around the militia forces in the Medina.

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Maj. Tim Karcher

2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment operations officer

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Once the key points, usually schools or factory complexes, were taken, the battalion found

that the enemy would usually either melt away or attempt to sneak back toward the Medina.

By Aug. 23, 2-7 Cav was less than 100 meters outside of the Medina complex, which was bordered by a ring road. Inside was a coalition-designated exclusion zone in which U.S. forces couldn't initially operate.

As Army units drew closer to the Medina, the exclusion zone became smaller, eventually shrinking to right around the Imam Ali mosque.

Within 24 hours, 2-7 Cav got its first foothold in the Medina when a patrol led by Sgt. Chad Overman of the 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment of the Arkansas Army National Guard, crossed into the exclusion zone.

By Aug. 24, companies from 1-5 Cav covered the Medina's northern edge, while the Marines held the northwest edge. Apache Company of 2-7 Cav held the Medina's eastern edge, Comanche the south-eastern edge and Cougar sat near the southern edge. The desert provided the Medina's western border.

Forces slowly pushed ahead, using aircraft, artillery and armor to help clear the enemy fighters from their fighting positions.

On Thursday, Aug. 26, militia leader Muqtada al-Sadr and Iraqi civilian and religious officials agreed to a cease-fire and withdrawal of militia fighters set for the next day.

Despite an end to the major fighting, 2-7 Cav had five wounded from enemy fire after the cease-fire was announced.

Pilgrims replaced troops in Najaf that Friday, the traditional Muslim holy day, as thousands converged on the mosque. By that evening, the first U.S. elements had withdrawn from their positions, which were as close as 200 meters from the mosque.

A few days later at Camp David, a desert Marine Corps base near Najaf, Rainey summed up the battalion's two-week fight. "While we had 29 wounded, none of those soldiers lost their lives," said Rainey. "Any time you can accomplish a mission in urban [areas] ... for 15 days and not lose a soldier there's got to be a large amount of grace from God."

Seven Marines and three soldiers from other units were killed during the fighting, which also left hundreds of militia members dead.

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Life from the battlefield: Eyewitness accounts of Najaf

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

What follows are accounts of the battle in the soldiers' own words:

Staff Sgt. Jeff Young, 25, from Killean, Texas

A sniper with 2-7 Cav's scout platoon, Young was one of dozens of snipers from all services and even other coalition partners.

"The ones we were getting shots on and killing were really obvious. Ninety percent of the job is observation and reporting, and 10 percent is the actual trigger-pulling. I thought it would be the other way around."

"We actually got pinned down a couple times and called for suppressive fire so we could get off a roof or get out of a room."

"We did have one that actually ... hit our building for a couple of days. On the third or fourth day, he actually got rounds into the building. We got lucky when the sun was going down. It hit his scope at the right angle and we got a glare in our direction, so we engaged it. We're not 100 percent on the [result], but he gave us a few scares."

"That's what part of our job entails, being patient and waiting for the shot or waiting for someone to make a move."



Young

Staff Sgt. Gregory Van Horn, 27, from Pottstown, Pa.

A Bradley commander for Company C, 2-7 Cav., Van Horn's crew provided support for ground troops during the fight, firing 3,200 25 mm high-explosive rounds and thousands of 7.62 mm rounds. Their first major fight was on the battle's second day.

"The next morning brought the good news that we were going to attack Objective Comanche, which was moving toward the inner ring. That was our first taste of the real all-out gunfight in the city."

"As we moved down toward the inner ring, there was a mass of small arms fire, RPGs coming from both sides of the road and straight ahead. We pushed down, directly behind two tanks. Once we got down there, the tanks peeled left and we continued straight toward the inner ring."

"That's when all hell pretty much broke loose. We had multiple RPGs being fired at the same time. We were engaging mainly with 25 mm HE straight ahead at the buildings just on the outer part of the inner ring. In the middle of the gunfight, we were told to stop the attack and pull back for the first round of the peace talks."



Staff Sgt. Gregory Van Horn, 27, from Pottstown, Pa., a Bradley commander for Company C, 2-7 Cav.

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Troops: Through ghosts towns and into exclusion zone

FROM PAGE 4

Sgt. Chad Overman, 23, from Pocahontas, Ark.

A team leader with Company C, 3-153rd, Overman was the first American into the exclusion zone surrounding the Imam Ali mosque in the battle's final days.



Overman

"We were set to clear three buildings with about 13 dismounted (foot soldiers)."

The Bradleys first secured a perimeter and the Humvees drove in there and dropped it off. We went into the first building but it was burning so we could only clear about half of it.

"Then we crossed the street and cleared this motel, which was actually burning, too. We went up into there and [Sgt. Brian] Hill actually shot an RPG guy. All you could see was his head and he hit him. He dropped and the RPG fell out. They slowly drug his body back. It was like a 200-meter shot."

"Then we ended up going north into the exclusion zone another 150 meters or so. We were moving down the alley and got shot at from the front and we could see a couple of guys moving around,



Wright

but we couldn't shoot them. We just fired to suppress them. Keep them from firing at us."

"It took us about 30 minutes to move 150 meters because we were zig-zagging back and forth and getting under cover. We were dismounted into the exclusion zone further than anyone else for the first couple of days."

Sgt. Keith Dow, 24, from Portland, Ore.

A squad automatic weapon gunner with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment, attached to 2-7 Cav. Dow survived an RPG hit on his position during an early-morning guard shift.

"We were doing two-hour shifts and ... I was trying to keep myself awake. I decided to grab

Late in the battle, four soldiers cleared a basement containing three militia members. One of the enemy threw a grenade, slightly wounding the soldiers. Two of the three militia members were killed in the ensuing hand-to-hand fight. A medic with Company A, 3-153rd, attached to the 2-7 Cav. Wright cared for the wounded.

"We didn't have anything major until ... the final assault push. They received RPG fire ... and a couple of guys got shrapnel wounds. We fell back a little to a house to get away, get some cover. Then we had the team go down into the basement and there was somebody down there. One of the hostiles threw a grenade at the team and that's when we received the worst of the casualties."

"It could have been a lot worse. We were really lucky. I was surprised at the amount of casualties we took. I expected major gunshot wounds ... but nobody was injured as bad as I thought. I thought about it every day; I'm glad it didn't happen."

a piece of paper. As soon as I bent over, all I felt was something like a horse kicking me in the chest and saw a bright light. I didn't hear it, or see it, or anything. Then I'm on my back and all I can taste is gunpowder. It was a strange feeling. I didn't know what happened and it felt like my head was blown to pieces."



Dow

"My squad leader was with me and asked me if I was all right. I

was like, 'No, I'm down.'"

"I crawled toward his voice because I couldn't stand up, and we kind of helped each other walk out of there. Our medic checked me out; I just got just a couple of scrapes and bruises. This big refrigerator that we put up in the window saved our lives. It was just kind of shocking; it rung my bell. I couldn't hear anything for a day and a half or two days."

Staff Sgt. Santiago Larriva, 26, from Nogales, Ariz.

A tankner with Company C, 3-8 Cav, attached to Apache Co, 2-7 Cav, Larriva was the tank commander for the first M1A2 to enter Najaf.

"We had all of our tanks and

Bradleys with us and as soon as we hit the bottom of the hill we got hit with an IED."

"We crested the top of the hill and that's when the RPGs started flying. It looked like a ghost town up there. There was nothing on the streets except donkey carts. No people running around, no cars, no civilian traffic."

"There was a lot of cat-and-mouse up there; they'd run up an alley 800 meters out. They'd stop in the middle, some-

times, and fire an RPG and keep going. You didn't know when it was coming, but you knew it was coming at some point. A lot of times it was when you least expected it, of course.

"There were a couple of days when they'd use donkey carts that had a rope tied to them and an RPG on it. They'd slide it into the middle of the alley and it'd fire but it was so inaccurate."

"This fight definitely keeps your head in the game at all times because there was always something going on. Even when we were back at the house you hear mortars or snipers firing."

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FIRST RUN THEATERS



The Manchus of the 2nd Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment are in Iraq to gather intelligence and assist civil affairs project planning. The first step in this process is to get acquainted with their neighbors and new environment.

Left: 1-9 soldiers had their Humvee driving skills tested on the way to visit a local sheik in Iraq. Right: HHC, 1-9 soldier 1st Lt. Kevin Morris, 24, of O'Fallon, Mo., introduces himself to Adel Sala Dari, the 18-year-old son of an Iraqi sheik.



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Soldiers embark on neighborly quest

2nd ID's Manchus socialize with locals to gather intelligence

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

CAMP RAMADI, Iraq — The Manchus of the 2nd Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment are meeting their neighbors in Iraq, a task that tests soldiers' off-road driving and navigation skills in one of the largest areas of operation in the country.

The Manchus arrived in Iraq earlier this month as part of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team Strike Force, which left bases near South Korea's Demilitarized Zone in August. Their area of operations in Iraq is a vast expanse of desert and farmland, comprising 3,500 square miles with few cities.

One of the Manchus' first tasks was to introduce themselves to the locals, a first step in a process designed to gather intelligence and assist civil affairs project planning.

Soldiers from 1-9's Company A and Headquarters and Headquarters Company drove deep into the rural Iraqi heartland with the goal of meeting a powerful sheik. The sheik is a tribal leader to thousands of Iraqis living in his community and owns a strategically important service station on a main supply route, explained one of the HHC soldiers, 1st Lt. Kevin Morris, 24, of O'Fallon, Mo.

The Manchus had a map, Global Positioning System coordinates for the sheik's house and a soldier who had worked in the area for almost a year guiding them, but it was still hard to find.

Once their convoy of Humvees left the main road, it entered a maze of sandy farm tracks that wound between ploughed fields and irrigation canals. The roads often dead-ended in somebody's back yard. In other places, power and phone lines strung from trees hung low over the road and got

tangled in the Humvee antennas. It was the first time Company A Humvee driver Pfc. Balzhazar Delgado, 19, of Corpus Christie, Texas, had tested his skills on Iraq's roads.

"I was surprised by the terrain. There were [canals] on the side of the road that you could fall in," he said.

The dust kicked up by the Humvees made the drive even more dangerous, since it was hard to see vehicles in front, he said. Eventually, the convoy reached the sheik's house, an elaborately carved stone building with a large grassy lawn and date palms growing nearby.

"It is not like working in South Korea," Morris said. "You can't just pick up a phone and call these people. You have to go out and see them and hope they are home."

Before approaching the sheik's house, the young lieutenant — who is the Manchus' civil military operations officer — was nervous about the reception he might receive. U.S. forces had not visited the man in several months and it was not clear whether he supported or opposed the new Iraqi government, he said.

But it was not the sheik who came to the door to greet the Manchus. It was his 18-year-old son, Adel Sala Dari, who told the soldiers his father was in Baghdad. Morris introduced himself to Dari and his two young brothers. The boys got a plate of chow hall cookies and a soccer ball from the soldiers.

Through a translator, Dari said he was on holiday from his job as a frontier guardsman on the Jor-

danian border. The young Iraqi said he was optimistic about his country's future but that there were some problems with infrastructure in his community.

"Right now, there is no power and no water," he said pointing up at a tangle of electrical wires hanging from a nearby tree.

Electricity supply in the community is erratic and locals drink water from the same local streams and canals from which their animals drink, Dari said.

"Sometimes the water makes them sick," he added.

Morris told Dari that he would visit again to talk to his father and that he would look into the problems with water and electricity. Previous units have already done a lot of work to restore schools, electricity and water to the area, he said.

"There is more money to spend here but because of the transfer of authority, it has to go through the Iraqi government," he said.

Even though the sheik was not there, Morris seemed happy to have established contact with some of the locals. The positive attitude of the sheik's sons was a good start, he said.

"Just because his kids are friendly doesn't mean the sheik will be friendly, but it is a good sign," he said.

Another soldier interacting with the Iraqis was Sgt. Harry Burgess, 27, of Indianapolis, Ind. Burgess is a forward artillery observer, but since Manchus do not expect to call for artillery often, he is also responsible for civil affairs work. He has been im-

pressed by the positive response of the Iraqis he has met so far, he said.

"The children are always waving and giving us the thumbs up and a lot of the older people I have met have also been positive," he said.

Iraq is a chance for Manchus to experience another culture but the view they get will be limited, he said.

"I am loving going out to talk to people, meet people and see how they are living, but in South Korea it was better because you could go out and see what the culture is like. Here you are on a team on a mission so you don't get to engage with the culture as much," he said.

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1-9 soldiers work to free a Humvee aerial from low-hanging power lines in this man's front yard after taking a wrong turn on the way to visit the local sheik.

M1 soldier guilty of abusing prisoners

BY MARIAM FARM
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A U.S. Army specialist pleaded guilty Saturday to abusing inmates at Abu Ghraib prison, the first Military Intelligence soldier to stand trial in the scandal that has so far focused prison guard reservists.

Spc. Armin J. Cruz, of Plano, Texas, was assigned to the 325th Military Intelligence Battalion at the grim facility on the western edge of Baghdad. He pleaded guilty to conspiracy and to maltreatment of prisoners.

The military judge, Col. James Pohl, sentenced Cruz to eight months confinement, reduction in rank and bad conduct discharge. The prosecution alleged Cruz forced naked prisoners to crawl along the floor and later handcuffed the men together. Cruz broke down in tears as he told the judge that the abuse occurred a month after he was assigned to his sergeant and another American soldier.

Defense attorney Stephen P. Karns argued that Cruz was suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome. Chief prosecutor Maj. Michael R. Holley said Cruz was not forced to take part in the abuse and that his actions contributed "to the tarnishing of the reputation and the image of U.S. forces."

Cruz became the second soldier convicted so far in the prison scandal, which broke last spring when CBS' "60 Minutes IV" broadcast photos of Iraqi prisoners enduring sexual and other humiliation at the hands of grinning American guards.

In May, Spc. Jeremy C. Svits pleaded guilty to four counts of abuse at his court-martial and was sentenced to a year in prison, reduction in rank and a bad conduct discharge.

Six other enlisted soldiers from the 372nd Military Police Company, an Army Reserve unit based in Resawood, Md., face charges in the scandal.

However, lawyers for the accused MPs have long contended that their clients were acting under instructions of intelligence agents and civilian contractors, who pushed them to "soften up" prisoners suspected of having information about attacks against Americans.

A probe conducted by Maj. Gen. George Fay focused on the role of the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade at Abu Ghraib, which oversaw interrogations at the grim facility northwest of Baghdad.

The report identified 27 people attached to the intelligence brigade — both soldiers and contractors — who are accused of complicity in the abuses, which were widely depicted in photographs that tarnished America's image worldwide.

Associated Press correspondent Bassam Moua contributed to this report.

Amputee reservist re-enlists, gets Bronze Star on same day

Sergeant lost part of his arm in Iraq IED attack

The Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — An Army reservist who lost his right arm in a roadside bombing in Iraq re-enlisted in the Army on the same day he received a Bronze Star for his service.

Sgt. Chuck Bartles, 26, raised his prosthetic right arm with his left hand as he took an oath Thursday during a re-enlistment ceremony at the Airborne & Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville.

Bartles was injured when his vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb last year. One soldier died and two others were injured in



THE FAYETTEVILLE (N.C.) OBSERVER/AP

Sgt. Chuck Bartles, who lost part of his arm in Iraq, re-enlists Thursday after receiving the Bronze Star in Fayetteville, N.C. Bartles was injured when a roadside bomb rocked his vehicle. One soldier died in the attack.

the attack. Bartles' right arm was shattered and doctors had to amputate the arm above the elbow.

"I'm not bitter at all," he said. "I've been in the military my whole adult life, and I really enjoy it."

Amputees usually are given

military discharges, but Bartles twice appealed to officials at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Satisfied that he could perform his duties, they agreed to let him re-enlist.

Bartles' commander visited him at a hospital in Iraq the day after his amputation and praised his positive attitude.

"He was already talking about learning how to shoot left-handed because he didn't want to miss the deer season," said Lt. Col. James Suriano, director of the 418th Civil Affairs Battalion.

Bartles, who is studying Russian and Eastern European studies at the University of Kansas at Lawrence, has been in the military reserves for eight years. He began in the Marines but switched to the Army three years ago to pursue language studies.



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JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

ESPN's SportsCenter set at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, features defensive bunkers and sandbagged anchors' desks. The popular sports network will be airing live and taped shows from Kuwait all week.

ESPN salutes troops with visit to Kuwait

By JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — Sports fans, your week is here.

ESPN's daily news program SportsCenter will be broadcast live next week from Camp Arifjan.

"The only reason we're here is to 'salute the troops' and bring them a bit of Americana," said ESPN senior coordinating director Dave Weiler.

"Salute the Troops" week includes five live SportsCenter, complete with military and civilian members in the audience, and reports from most of Kuwait's military bases.

"Other than a USO tour, I can't think of an event where an organization brought their entire show to such an austere environment," said Maj. Larry Crowl, operations officer for Coalition forces Land Component Command public affairs.

Weiler said there will be plenty of familiar faces for regular SportsCenter viewers. Anchors Steve Levy, Kenny Mayne, Stuart Scott, and reporter Lisa Salters are all in Kuwait.

Some new faces are expected on the set, however. Crowl said soldiers will take part in some shows. Soldiers also helped ESPN staff come up with an appropriate "look" for the Kuwait shows.

Camp Arifjan's SportsCenter will feature corner defensive bunkers and sand-bagged anchors' desks.

Though the look is different, don't expect any differences in coverage, Weiler said.

"We're not changing the philosophy of the show," he said. "Viewers at home won't miss out on anything they'd expect."

Nor will military members assigned to other Kuwaiti camps miss out. Busloads of them are being brought to Arifjan for the live shows and SportsCenter personnel will be filming at many of the major Kuwaiti bases.

Live from Kuwait

Military viewers throughout the world will be able to watch both live and taped ESPN programming from Kuwait next week.

The highlight of the coverage will be five live broadcasts of their late-night SportsCenter news program, but there also will be at least two other live events and other recorded segments. These recorded segments will be broadcast on other SportsCenter newscasts throughout the day.

All live events will be broadcast on the American Forces Network's Sports channel.

Live broadcasts, which are shown in Kuwait and Eastern U.S. time, are:

■ Tuesday morning, Sept. 14, 9-10 a.m. (2 a.m. Eastern), SportsCenter from Camp Arifjan.

■ Wednesday through Saturday, Sept. 15-18, 8-9 a.m. (1 a.m. Eastern), SportsCenter from Camp Arifjan.

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Military members said they're looking forward to SportsCenter's broadcasts.

"It should be pretty exciting," said 1st Infantry Division soldier Spc. Sergio Gasca of Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment.

SportsCenter's visit coincides with the redeployment of about 2,000 1st ID soldiers from Iraq to their Fort Riley, Kan., base.

"I didn't really expect it," said Gasca. "Coming from up there I really didn't expect anything, except just trying to get home."

In the meantime, SportsCenter is trying to bring a little bit of home to them.

"Our main goal is to bring a piece of America to these guys," Weiler said.

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A welcome home celebration

Stars and Stripes

The first of four welcome home celebrations for 1st Armored Division units got solid reviews in Baumholder, Germany.

"This is not what I expected," said Alan Sims, 17, as he waited in line for a midway ride with friends, including Kaishia Elliott, 16. "I thought it'd be lame, but this is OK!" Sims said, with Elliott nodding her head in agreement.

Spread out through parking lots for the H.D. Smith Barracks cinema/theater, Hall of Champions gymnasium and meandering down to the edge of Minnick Stadium, the center of the festivities includ-

ed a midway of amusement rides for older children and adults, and a midway of rides for small children.

The large crowd was nearly split between young single soldiers and soldiers with families. People crowded a temporary fest tent where a number of acts played including Custom Made, a funk/rap band from Los Angeles, and comedian Chris Titus, with standing-room only for the headliners, Puddle of Mudd, alternative rockers from California.

The next 1st AD welcome home is scheduled for 1st Brigade headquarters at Friedberg on Wednesday, 4th Brigade headquarters at Hanau on Friday, with the final celebration Oct. 7 at division headquarters in Wiesbaden.

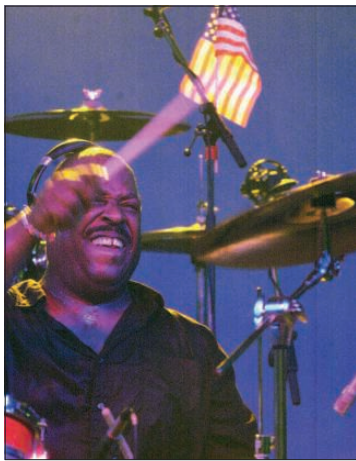


Left: Alex Hudnell, 4, enjoyed the colorful train ride on the children's midway.

Below: It was a bumpy ride Friday at the bumper car track, but James Hunter, 8, was happy to have dad Staff Sgt. Virgil Hunter back at the wheel.

Right: With the Stars and Stripes backdrop behind him, Custom Made's Jerome Snelling pounded out the beat for a rap number.

PHOTOS BY TERRY BOYD/Stars and Stripes



Eight soldiers geared up for Berlin marathon

BY TERRY BOYD

Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — Some people like to see Europe's destination cities from those big tour buses offering commentary in a dozen languages. Others prefer a leisurely walk.

Eight 1st Armored Division soldiers from Baumholder plan to see precisely 26.2 miles of Berlin on foot, on the run. Capt. Bradley Graham is taking the group to compete in "The real Berlin Marathon" on Sept. 26.

At mid-week, marathon organizers cut off entries at 35,000. According to press reports, only three men have a chance of winning — world-class marathoners Felix Limo, Paul Tergat and Titus Mutui, all from Kenya.

The Baumholder group is going for the fun of it and the sense of accomplishment, not to mention seeing "the postcard sites along the way" from the race's start and finish point, the Brandenburg Gate, Graham said.

"Our goal is to finish without

anyone hurting themselves," Graham said.

Graham, who was a rear-detachment assistant commander at the time for the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, got the trip started in late June as a motivator for his men. "I said, 'Let's do something, guys.' Then a 40th Engineers guy heard about it said, 'Hey, can I come?'"

The 2-6 runners are: Graham, 2nd Lt. Adam MacAllister, Sgt. Adam Williams, Sgt. Gerry Rojas, Spec. Steve Rojas, Pfc. Joseph Walker and Pfc. Brent Brzuchalski. Also running is 2nd Lt. Dan Downs, with the 40th Engineers (Combat) Battalion.

Since late June, the eight runners have put in a combined total of more than 1,900 miles, with each soldier or officer running an average of about 20 miles per week including regular PT, trying to get into marathon shape. The group also runs each Saturday morning, opting for the flat streets near Graham's home in nearby Landstuhl rather than around hilly H.D. Smith Barracks in Baumholder.

The soldiers and officers are adjusting distances during their 45 days of training, peaking out at 18 miles on Aug. 28, tapering back to 12 miles this weekend, then fewer in the final weeks before the race so as not to burn out, said Graham and MacAllister.

None of the Baumholder group has run a marathon. However, Graham and MacAllister said Sgt. Gerry Rojas has done an Army 10-Kilometer run. Pfc. Joseph Walker also ran an 8-mile preliminary to the New York City Marathon on Sept. 25, 2002.

The group will set a "conversational" pace, Graham said, though MacAllister added, "my goal is to run [the marathon] under 3:10."

"Good luck with that one, bud," Graham replied.

Just for the record, Paul Tergat holds the world's record marathon time of 2:04:55, a record that Graham and company say is not likely to come back to Baumholder.

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TERRY BOYD/Stars and Stripes

They'll see Berlin on foot, or at least 26.2 miles of it as a group of eight Baumholder soldiers plans to run the Berlin Marathon. From left are Sgt. Adam Williams, Capt. Matthew Graham, 2nd Lt. Adam MacAllister, Pfc. Joseph Walker and Pfc. Brent Brzuchalski. Not pictured are Cpl. Steve Rojas, Sgt. Gerry Rojas and 2nd Lt. Dan Downs.



Left: 32nd Signal Battalion commander Lt. Col. William Schumaker, left, and a formation of soldiers salute during a wreath-laying ceremony in Darmstadt, Germany, marking the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. Right: Schumaker, right, and Herr Hans-Jürgen Stein, chief of the Darmstadt Fire Department, carry a wreath. Sept. 11 also is a significant part of Darmstadt's history, marking the 60th anniversary of the Allied bombing of the city in World War II.

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Stars and Stripes



EUCOM remembers Sept. 11

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Left: Chaplain (Maj.) Jerry Sather, chaplain for the 100th Air Refueling Wing at RAF Mildenhall, England, delivers a prayer Saturday at the dedication of September 11th Remembrance Park at the base. Master Sgt. Lance Davis, right, bows his head. Right: The park's two evergreen trees represent the World Trade Center's towers, a five-sided brick layout represents the attack on the Pentagon and the site is highlighted by mountain laurel, the state flower of Pennsylvania, where a third airplane crashed.

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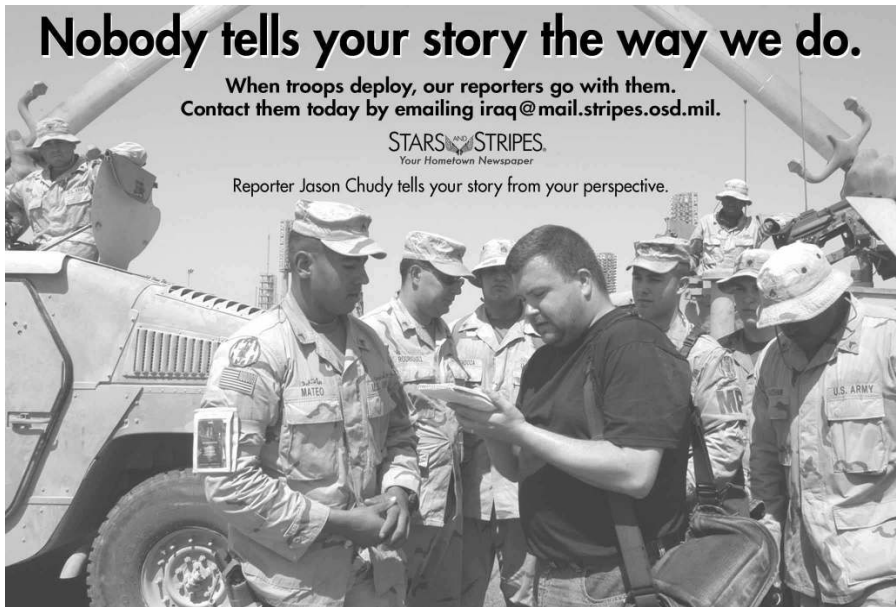


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IN THE STATES



Left: Visitors in Shanksville, Pa., hold a giant flag Saturday in memory of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, on United Flight 93. Above: Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani embraces an unidentified mourner at the site of the World Trade Center on Saturday.

Americans gather to honor 9/11 victims

BY SARA KUGLER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With quivering voices, parents and grandparents of those killed at the World Trade Center slowly read the names of the victims early Saturday to mark the third anniversary of the attacks that brought down the twin towers.

Moments of silence were observed at 8:46 and 9:03 a.m., the times two planes slammed into the trade center towers on Sept. 11, 2001, and at 9:59 and 10:29, when the two towers collapsed. Many of the family members cried quietly and embraced each other.

At Arlington National Cemetery, there was a moment of silence at 9:37, the time that another hijacked plane hit the Pentagon, where 184 people died. In Pennsylvania, more than 1,500 people gathered in the field where the fourth plane went down, killing the 40 passengers and crew aboard Flight 93.

President Bush and the first lady also observed a moment of silence at the White House's South Lawn as the nation began a day of remembrance.

At the trade center site in lower Manhattan, parents and grandparents stood in pairs at two podiums, reading the list of the 2,749 people killed there — a recitation that lasted more than three hours.

They read slowly and precisely, and added poignant dedications when they reached the names of their own loved ones. "And our loving son, Paul Robert Eckna, our tower of strength — we love and miss you," said Carol Eckna.

Those abroad mourn attacks, note changes since Sept. 11, 2001

BY PAUL GARWOOD
The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Victims of the Sept. 11 attacks were mourned worldwide Saturday, but in the Middle East, amid sympathy for the dead, Arabs said Washington's support for Israel and the war on terror launched in the aftermath of the World Trade Center's collapse have only fueled anger and violence.

From Egypt to Yemen, Arabs said the world had become less safe during the three years since 19 militants from the Middle East hijacked four passenger planes in the

United States and used them to kill more than 3,000 people.

The Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and other bombings since have fueled widespread soul-searching among Arabs over the connection between Islamic extremism and terrorism.

But that has not shaken a long-held belief that U.S. policies in the region — including Washington's support for Israel in its conflict with the Palestinians — are also to blame for fomenting the kind of anti-American hatred that could drive people to launch an attack of the magnitude of Sept. 11, 2001.

For some, the anniversary underlined the

need to press on in military action. U.S. troops in Iraq held small ceremonies to coincide with the moment the first jetliner slammed into the World Trade Center.

Russia pointed to the recent hostage-taking at a southern school, which was blamed on supporters of Chechen separatists and which ended with some 330 hostages dead.

Spain's press linked the anniversary with the six month commemoration of the Madrid bombings, which killed 191 people.

Leading daily El Pais said the world has not become safer since Sept. 11, with Casablanca, Istanbul and Jakarta being added to the list of cities affected by Islamic terrorism.

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As the reading of names began, other family members of victims descended the ramp into the pit of the trade center site and laid flowers in two small reflecting pools meant to evoke the footprints of the twin trade center towers. Others scrawled messages on the edges of the pools.

The area, seven stories below street level, is considered sacred ground by many. It was there that rescue workers combed the debris with rakes, painstakingly searching for the tiniest fragments of human remains.

Last year, children recited the names of the dead, and on the first anniversary, it was dignitaries, community leaders and some relatives of victims. Pat Hawley, 44, was among the family members at the site Saturday morning. Hawley, of Charlotte, N.C., said he comes to the Ground Zero ceremony

every year to remember his older sister, Karen Sue Judy.

"It seems like it gets harder every year, because it's that much more time since I've been able to talk to my sister and be with her," he said.

At Arlington National Cemetery, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld joined relatives of those killed in the Pentagon near a large granite memorial marker that bears the names of each victim.

In a field in western Pennsylvania where Flight 93 went down, volunteers rang two large bells as the names of each of the plane's 40 passengers and crew were read.

Both President Bush and Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry spoke on the anniversary of the attacks (see related story on Page 11). Bush used the occasion to warn of continued danger and pledge victory in the war on terror.

"We will not relent until the terrorists who plot murder against our people are found and dealt with," Bush said in a radio address.

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and dealing with the anticipation of what tomorrow
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Officer left Guard 18 months before Bush memos written

BY PETE SLOVER

The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN, Texas — The man named in a disputed memo as exerting pressure to "sugar coat" President Bush's military record left the Texas Air National Guard a year and a half before the memo was supposedly written, his own service record shows.

An order obtained by The Dallas Morning News shows that Col. Walter "Buck" Staudt was honorably discharged on March 1, 1972.

CBS News reported this week that a memo in which Staudt was described as interfering with officers' negative evaluations of Bush's service, was dated Aug. 18, 1973.

That added to mounting questions about the authenticity of documents that seem to suggest Bush sought special favors and did not follow the rules.

Staudt, who lives in New Braunfels, Texas, did not return calls seeking comment. His discharge paper was among a packet of documents obtained by The Dallas Morning News from official sources during 1999 research into Bush's Guard record.

The authenticity of the memo and three others included in Wednesday's "60 Minutes" report came in for heavy criticism Friday.

And the family of the officer

Bush group raises \$7M

WASHINGTON — A group running ads accusing John Kerry of exaggerating his decorated Vietnam War service record is nearing \$7 million in contributions, thanks in part to several Republican donors in Texas.

The Swift Boat Veterans for Truth has raised at least \$6.7 million since it was founded in April. That includes at least \$1.9 million in donations of \$1,000 or more, with several coming in from people who previously gave to President Bush's re-election campaign and the GOP, according to a report the group filed Friday with the Federal Election Commission.

The big donations include \$500,000 from T. Boone Pickens, a Dallas business executive; \$200,000 from Houston home-builder Bob Perry; the group's first six-figure donor; and \$10,000 each from Charles and Sam Wyly, Dallas brothers who financed \$2.5 million in ads in the 2000 GOP presidential primary race promoting Bush and criticizing his then-opponent, Arizona Sen. John McCain.

The veterans' group has spent a relatively small amount buying advertising time on national networks, including \$216,379 on CNN, \$198,818 on Fox News Channel and \$73,266 on MSNBC. But the cable news networks have all given plenty of free airtime to the group and its commercials.

From The Associated Press

Dan Rather defends authenticity

The Washington Post

Dan Rather vigorously defended his "60 Minutes" story on President Bush's National Guard service Friday, saying the 30-year-old memos he disclosed on the show this week "were and remain authentic" despite questions raised by some handwriting and document experts.

"Until someone shows me definitive proof that they are not, I don't see any reason to carry on a conversation with the professional rumor mill," the CBS anchor said.

who supposedly wrote them, Lt. Col. Jerry Kilian, who died in 1984, said it wasn't his nature to keep detailed personal notes.

But a CBS staffer with extensive knowledge of the story said later that the departure doesn't derail the story.

"From what we've learned,

chor said. "My colleagues and I at '60 Minutes' made great efforts to authenticate these documents and to corroborate the story as best we could. ... I think the public is smart enough to see from whom some of this criticism is coming and draw judgments about what the motivations are."

The memos, written by Bush's squadron command, Lt. Col. Jerry Kilian, indicate Bush got special treatment as a pilot in the Texas National Guard and failed to carry out a superior's order to undergo a physical exam.

Staudt remained very active after he retired," the staffer said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

"He was a very bullying type, and that could have continued."

Staudt was the person Bush initially contacted about Guard service.

Kerry recalls countless acts of bravery on 9/11

BY NEDRA PICKLER

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Recalling the pain of the 2001 terrorist attacks and the "countless acts of bravery and kindness" that followed, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said Saturday that Americans will tell their children and grandchildren that their love of country "far outweighs the darkness of those who hate."

"We learned in the hardest way possible that the American spirit endures. It is that spirit which leads us to defy those who would harm us, and affirm that freedom will win," Kerry said in remarks prepared for a Sept. 11 memorial service attended by victims' families.

"It is that spirit which sustains all of you as you continue to rebuild your lives. And it is that spirit which will guide us all as we rebuild those towers stronger, higher, and more beautiful than ever before. Just like America," he said.

Kerry was speaking to the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund on the third anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that killed 3,000 people. He has addressed families of victims on each of the previous anniversaries. Two of the four planes

hijacked to attack buildings in New York City and Washington originated at Boston's Logan Airport.



Kerry

"For each of you here, time stopped in a way that has made memories of that day three years ago forever fresh, forever painful. I know this because some of you were part of my life before that day, and many of you have become part of it since," he said. "On that day, we all drew strength from each other."

Kerry said the attacks had tested the courage and faith of those who lost loved ones, and he commended them for finding hope, comfort and strength through "the love of those around you and the quiet grace of God."

He said all Americans will share the lessons of Sept. 11 with their children and grandchildren. "We will tell them that on Sept. 11, ordinary men and women became heroes at a moment's notice, and so can you," he said.

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Omar suggested Clinton's ouster

Taliban leader's message came after 1998 missile strikes on Afghanistan

By DAN EGGEN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Two days after U.S. missiles struck Afghanistan in retaliation for al-Qaida's 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in East Africa, the head of that country's Taliban regime told a State Department official that Congress should force then-President Bill Clinton to resign "to rebuild U.S. popularity in the Islamic world," according to documents released Friday.

The suggestion is contained in a newly declassified State Department cable recounting the first and only direct communication between the U.S. government and Mullah Mohammad Omar, the reclusive Taliban leader who was reaching out in the weeks of the U.S. strikes on alleged al-Qaida facilities in his country and Sudan.

In the Aug. 22, 1998, telephone

conversation with U.S. diplomat Michael Mahnowski, Omar "parroted" many of the hard-line views of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, who had been given sanctuary in Afghanistan by the Taliban. He said he "was aware of no evidence that bin Laden had engaged in or planned terrorist acts while on Afghan soil" and warned that the missile strikes "could spark more, not less, terrorist attacks," according to the cable.

"He said that in order to rebuild U.S. popularity in the Islamic world and because of his current domestic political difficulties Congress should force President Clinton to resign," according to the cable.

Clinton was then the target of an investigation by independent counsel Kenneth Starr in connection with the Monica Lewinsky affair and would soon face impeachment in the House.



Miller Ethridge, of Key Largo, Fla., boards up his trailer, Thursday. Tourists and residents throughout the Florida Keys have been sent packing to avoid the wrath of Hurricane Ivan.

Keys empty out for Ivan

By HILARY ROXE
The Associated Press

KEY WEST, Fla. — While a slight westward "wobble" by Hurricane Ivan gave storm-weary Florida a tiny glimmer of hope Saturday, the still-threatened Keys stood mostly boarded up, deserted by evacuating residents and tourists well on their way to safety.

Hurricane Ivan and its 145 mph winds were still a couple of days away Saturday, but many residents and tourists had already driven north to the mainland. Before leaving, fatigued residents put up shutters and boarded windows with plywood as business dropped to a trickle in the tourism-dependent island chain.

"Charley hit and the season died," said Jose Moya, a clerk at Millie's Sundries in Key West. "It's going to be a ghost town for the rest of summer — if we make it."

Monroe County officials ordered an evacuation of the entire 100-mile Keys, which barely rise out of the water and are extremely vulnerable to storm surge. Its third evacuation in a month for tourists and first in three years for the chain's 79,000 residents.

Some residents said Saturday they had decided to brave the storm, wary of a change of direction that could bring them into the hurricane's path.

Ivan lashed Jamaica with monstrous waves, driving rain and winds nearing 155 mph Saturday, killing at least two people.

It was forecast to strike Cuba and then either hit the Keys directly or pass near enough for the islands to feel hurricane force winds, said Richard Knabb, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

From there, Ivan is expected to move north in the Gulf of Mexico, reaching north Florida on Tuesday.

Ridge reviews strategies for school hostage situation

BY KATHERINE PFLEGER
SHRADER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. Federal law enforcers are taking a new look at hostage-taking responses to make sure the United States is prepared for an attack like the recent terrorist takeover of a Russian school.

"The president said to all of us: Just make sure you know what you are going to do, who is going

to be doing it, where we are going to be doing it, what resources we are going to apply," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said in an interview Thursday.

In recent morning briefings, Ridge said President Bush had asked his top advisers — including homeland security, FBI and justice officials — to review their strategies for dealing with hostage situations.

Ridge said the U.S. government was still trying to find out key de-

tails of how last week's attack in Russia was planned and carried out.

At the same time, Ridge was somewhat critical of the Russians, saying it appeared that authorities there may have had a disjointed response to the hostage crisis blamed on Chechen rebels. More than 300 people died.

"Preliminary reports suggest there wasn't the kind of coordination and leadership and direction and somebody being in

charge," Ridge told The Associated Press.

Later, Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo said the FBI and other agencies "are constantly training and refining their techniques based on current threats. They always have and they always will."

As the three-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks passes, recent attention has focused on a pre-election threat.

However, echoing a remark

made at an April speech in Nevada, Ridge extended the amount of time the United States should be extra vigilant against a possible al-Qaida attack designed to disrupt the democratic process — from the Nov. 2 Election Day to the presidential inauguration scheduled for Jan. 20.

Ridge also acknowledged that U.S. authorities have "a couple different sources" believed to be sharing credible information about the threat.



AP

A security officer directs people leaving City Hall during an evacuation drill in Los Angeles on Thursday. The unprecedented exercise involved the simultaneous evacuation of people from City Hall, police headquarters and several other Civic Center buildings.

Los Angeles drills for full-scale evacuation

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two days before the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Los Angeles held its largest-ever disaster drill, evacuating about 10,000 people from downtown buildings.

Workers were ushered out of City Hall, police department headquarters and other government buildings Thursday to designated safe areas.

As many as 20,000 people had been expected to take part in the drill but many employees stayed home, authorities said. Workers had been notified of the drill far in advance and some brought bag lunches, lawn chairs and even portable video game consoles.

Evacuations were completed in eight to 15 minutes, assistant fire

chief Greg Gibson said. The buildings included the federal building and some high-rises, he said.

Dave Margolis, a contractor who was among those evacuated, called the drill inconvenient but necessary: "If you don't do this, you won't be prepared when something really happens," he said.

"I think that now that we've done it once, everybody who knew where to go," said another worker, Holly Beckner.

Mayor James Hahn and Fire Chief William Bammatre this week proposed changing the fire code to require a full evacuation every three years of the 22 commercial structures in the city that are 35 stories or taller. The current code requires annual drills on individual floors, but not such full-scale evacuations.

Explosion levels Conn. church

The Associated Press

COLCHESTER, Connecticut — A powerful blast leveled a decades-old Ukrainian church early Friday, shaking nearby buildings and tossing shards of glass and wood debris hundreds of feet.

No injuries were reported. The cause of the explosion at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church was not immediately clear. The brick building had an indoor propane tank for cooking, state police Sgt. J. Paul Vance said.

The explosion, just before 7 a.m., could be felt for miles. Only some of the church's A-frame structure remained. Pieces of wood and glass shards were strewn about the area. A small statue of the Virgin Mary remained intact at the edge of the rubble. "I'm ready to cry," said Maksym Kocur, a 70-year-old church volunteer who has been with St. Mary's since 1960. The area was cordoned off and a nearby highway was shut down, Vance said.

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IN THE WORLD



A fallen tree covers a vehicle Saturday after Hurricane Ivan passed through Kingston, Jamaica. Ivan lashed Jamaica with winds nearing 155 mph early Saturday, though the island was spared a direct hit.

Hurricane drifts off course, but still pummels Jamaica

BY STEVENSON JACOBS
The Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Hurricane Ivan lashed Jamaica with monstrous waves, driving rain and winds nearing 155 mph Saturday, killing at least five people as it washed away homes and tore roofs off houses and trees from the ground but unexpectedly spared the island from a direct hit.

In the storm's wake, authorities in hard-hit Grenada found another eight bodies, raising the toll on the island to 34 dead and the toll across the Caribbean to 50.

In the Jamaican capital, Kingston, sporadic looting and gunfire erupted overnight and continued Saturday morning. Associated Press reporters said looters carrying boxes of groceries from a smashed storefront.

A 10-year-old girl drowned in Old Harbor, just east of Kingston, and a woman was killed in the capital by a tree that struck here home, said Ronald Jackson of Jamaica's disaster relief agency.

Police said three other people — a man, a woman and a baby — drowned in Clarendon parish, just west of Kingston, according to reports from residents.

Jamaica, an island of 2.6 million known for its tourism, reggae and Blue Mountain coffee, was saved the full brunt of Ivan's fury by an unexpected wobble and lurch to the west overnight.

The change in course could be good news for hurricane-weary Florida, since Ivan may now head into the Gulf of Mexico.

Forecasters warned it could still move back to its predicted course and hit the state.

At 2 p.m. EDT, Ivan's eye was about 40 miles west-southwest of Jamaica's western tip, and sustained winds were at 145 mph. After drifting west for the past few hours, it was expected to resume a west-northwest track at around 8 mph.

Meteorologist expected it move near or over the Cayman Islands on Sunday.

It could strengthen as it nears the Cayman Islands, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami warned.

The Cayman government posted a hurricane warning and urged residents to prepare "as for direct impact."

Cuba on Saturday upgraded a hurricane watch to a warning for the threatened western part of the island.

Further north, the Florida Keys were mostly boarded up, deserted by evacuating residents and tourists told today to brace for Ivan, which came hard on the heels of Charley and Frances.

Besides the dead in Grenada and Jamaica, Ivan killed five people in Venezuela, one in Tobago, one in Barbados, and four youngsters in the Dominican Republic.

European powers agree to press Iran on nukes

France, Germany, England seek to impose deadline

BY GEORGE JAHN
The Associated Press

BERLIN — Europe's major powers have agreed to set a November deadline on Iran to meet demands meant to resolve concerns that it is secretly trying to make nuclear weapons, in a confidential document made available Saturday to The Associated Press.

The draft resolution was prepared by France, Germany and Britain for Monday's start of a key meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog.

The draft contains a so-called "trigger mechanism," warning of possible "further steps" — which diplomats defined as shorthand for referral of Iran's case to the U.N. Security Council.

The draft is likely to undergo changes before the three nations submit it at the board meeting of the IAEA. And it still has to be approved by two thirds of the 35 board members.

But it is significant because it puts the three European countries the closest they have formally been to the United States on what to do about Iran and activities that Washington insists show Tehran is trying to build the nuclear bomb.

Up to now, the European countries have resisted U.S. attempts to have Iran hauled before the Security Council or even hint on a date for such possible action.

Iran says its nuclear program is solely for energy production.

The draft says Iran must suspend all activities related to nuclear enrichment — including manufacturing of centrifuges — and must meet all requirements posed by the IAEA in its probe into Iran's nuclear activities before IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei reports to the board again in November.

On the basis of ElBaradei's report, the board "probably" will make a "definite determination on whether or not further steps are required," the draft said.

"This is a 'trigger' that can be pulled if the November board deems it necessary," said one diplomat.

While the last board meeting in June censured Iran for past cover-ups and warned it has little time left to disprove it has a nuclear weapons program, it didn't impose a deadline or even indirectly threaten sanctions.

But since then, Iran's earlier commitments to stop some uranium enrichment and related activities have eroded — alienating the three European nations.

Enriched uranium can be used to generate electricity or make nuclear weapons. Iran last year agreed to freeze enrichment programs but has since resumed testing, assembling and making centrifuges, a key component of such activities. Last week, it confirmed an IAEA report that it planned to convert more than 40 tons of raw uranium into uranium hexafluoride, the gas put into centrifuges for enrichment.

Iran's original suspension pledge came in a deal with Britain, Germany and France but fell short of European demands that Tehran scrap enrichment.

Iran is not obliged to halt enrichment under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, but Tehran has been under international pressure for more than a year to fully renounce enrichment to counterbalance suspicions generated by nearly two decades of clandestine nuclear activities that came to light only two years ago.



'Spider-Man' seeks visitation rights

LONDON — A divorced father demanding access to his daughter scolded the London Eye Ferris wheel on Saturday dressed as Spider-Man.

A spokesman for British Airways, which co-owns the attraction, said the man climbed the 450-foot wheel between the River Thames just before 4 a.m. At the top, he unfurled a banner reading "In the name of the father."

The protest group Fathers 4 Justice, which has staged similar demonstrations in the past, identified the man as David Chick, 37. Last November, Chick spent five days atop a 120-foot crane beside London's Tower Bridge, again dressed as Spider-Man.

Fathers 4 Justice said Chick was angry because he had not seen his daughter in a year. In a statement, Chick apologized to those inconvenienced by his protest, but said: "The British justice system has completely failed my child and I."

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Putin OKs school siege inquiry

BY STEVE GUTTERMAN
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin agreed Friday to a parliamentary investigation of the bloody school hostage siege in southern Russia, less than a week after he reportedly dismissed the idea by saying it might turn into "a political show."

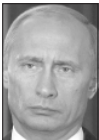
The move by Putin seems to deflect criticism after he had earlier ruled out a public probe of the standoff in Beslan, which Russia's foreign minister said Friday was directed by Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev. The siege also has raised serious questions about security in Russia.

Russian officials also have repeatedly been cast the military campaign in Chechnya as part of a war against international terrorism.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Friday that it was too soon to say whether al-Qaida played any role in the school attack, but he said there was an "absolutely" a connection between rebels in Chechnya and the terror network.

"I mean, they've been trained in the same training camps in Afghanistan," he said at the National Press Club in Washington.

"So there's no question but that there's a linkage between the



Putin

Chaos reigned during hostage standoff

BY BURT HERMAN
The Associated Press

BESLAN, Russia — Russian soldiers fled as shooting broke out in the spasms of violence that ended the school siege here, and unprepared special forces were forced to borrow bullets from armed locals who had rushed to the scene.

As Beslan buried more victims Friday, a week after the bloodbath at School No. 1, questions lingered over how authorities handled the three-day standoff that left at least 330 hostages dead.

"One of the most painful questions that that whole world is asking — why all the events surrounding the Beslan school No. 1 looked so out of control... probably has an answer: Because nobody was in charge of the operation," the Russian daily Rossiyskiy Kurier said in an editorial Friday.

Officials aroused suspicion from the start by insisting the hostages numbered about 350, when in fact they were more than 1,200. Residents rushed to the scene, fearing authorities planned to storm the building and didn't want the public to know so many lives hung in the balance.

"From the start, [authorities] weren't doing things right," said Artur Belikov, 35, attending a wake for two relatives killed, Alina Budayeva, 38, and her 3-year-old daughter Valeria.

But Katya Tsiskayeva, 69, also at a wake at

Chechen terrorists and al-Qaida. But I can't say that about this event because the investigation's just in its early stages."

In a meeting shown prominently on state-run television, the lawmaker who heads Russia's upper house of parliament, Sergei Mironov, told Putin the Federation Council would aim to form an investigative committee.

Putin agreed, telling Mironov in the Kremlin meeting that "we are thoroughly interested in receiving

a complete, objective picture of the tragic events connected with the seizure of the hostages."

The president reportedly said only an internal inquiry would be conducted into the crisis that ended Sept. 3 in a chaos of gunfire and explosions and killed at least 330 hostages, warning that a parliamentary probe could turn into "a political show."

Some Putin critics had doubts about a parliamentary investigation.

Beslan's cemetery, argued that troops should have immediately stormed the building.

"Why did they wait a second day, a third day — to let so many die?" she asked.

A Beslan resident who gave only his first name, Robert, said he arrived soon after the siege started and stood guard throughout.

He would not say where he got his gun; private citizens aren't normally allowed to keep weapons in Russia. However, many people in the Caucasus, where myriad conflicts have erupted since the 1991 Soviet collapse, are believed to have arms at home.

The standoff ended Sept. 3, when an explosion inside the school sent children fleeing and their captors began shooting them in the back — prompting the forces gathered outside to return fire.

He said conscript soldiers fled as the fighting began.

"They were worried about their own lives," said Robert, 31, who had several relatives inside.

Locals handed their clips of ammunition to elite troops who didn't have enough bullets, Robert said.

"They weren't ready." Lamenting the corruption and lapses in duty that allowed the attackers to bring their arsenal to the school, residents are demanding a full explanation of the circumstances that made the attack possible as well as how it all ended.

"Putin has shown that he doesn't consider it necessary to share with the society any information on Beslan," said Alexander Golts, a military observer for the magazine Yezhenedelye Zhurnal.

"Up until now, nothing in the activity of the upper chamber — or the lower one for that matter — could suggest that these people are capable of any fundamental decisions that would force the leadership to rethink its policy," he said.

Canadian cafe busted for serving marijuana

The Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — A cafe that had been selling marijuana off its menu for about four months was about to be closed down by a police raid shut it down, police said Friday.

Officers seized about 20 pounds of marijuana worth about \$49,000, some hashish and 300 cookies baked with hash or marijuana in an early evening raid Thursday, Acting Deputy Chief Bob Roloff told a news conference.

At one 90-minute period during their surveillance, police saw 230 customers at the Da Kine Smoke and Beverage Shop on Vancouver's hip Commercial Drive. They estimated the cafe was doing about \$22,500 a day, Roloff said.

Seven workers and one customer were taken into custody Thursday night. There were 33 people in the cafe at the time it was raided.

"Charges have been recommended and are currently before [government prosecutors]," Roloff said.

Media scrutiny settled on the cafe last week when owner Carol Gwilt said she was just trying to be a "business person" filling a "huge market." Gwilt said she didn't consider what she was doing illegal.

Police disagreed. "Trafficking is trafficking; it's against the law, you can't sell it," Roloff said.

Stars and Stripes

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I want you to know that I am thinking of all of you everyday and wondering how you find the courage within your hearts to wake up and face what you are forced to face. Some of your daily routines and visuals only exist in most peoples' nightmares. I may not support the violence that all war entails but I am extremely grateful and aware of the purpose of your duty. Some days go by and it seems as if some people are walking around forgetting that we are at war, that there are our mothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, cousins, uncles, aunts...etc putting their life on the line for so many people and purposes. Please know that you are loved, admired, and prayed for everyday in our country, conscious or not, by everyone back home. My love and prayers are with you all!!!! If there's any room left...please smile!

I would like to thank each and everyone of our military personnel. I appreciate everything you are doing for our country, our freedom, and most of all our kids. You are calling an end to the terrible terrorist attacks on our great nation September 11, 2001. God Bless America - God Bless Our Troops!! Lori from Illinois

Hi Michael, We figure you are in Iraq now. Know that all the family are thinking of you. We are very proud of you. Thank you for for protecting our freedom.

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Dear Heroed Yes...YOU are the heroes in our world. We want to write to you...wherever you may be serving our great country to thank you and to support your service. We fear you may be hearing that we do not support the military...in fact...we think the war to liberate Iraq is a wake up call to all Americans. The truth is the majority...a strong majority support you. It is true that you do not get enough recognition and appreciation. Our family has vowed to change that and we are not only flying our flag, sporting signs on cars, and have two signs in our yard...we plan to shake hands with any serviceman we see. We truly honor you...you are in our prayers and our hearts. We appreciate all that you do to keep us free and safe...may God bless you. The T. family of Woodridge IL.

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Messages of Support

Matt, I worked with your mom at Loves and she asked that we keep you in our thoughts and prayers. I know you're making her proud and my new office mates are praying for your safe return. Thanks for protecting us as we try to go about our lives. You are remembered daily by many you aren't aware of. God bless, Jeanie H.

I just wanted to say thank you for fighting for freedom. I respect you all so much. I am praying for safety for all of you. God Bless, Elizabeth I.

Many fine men and women fight for this nation and to sacrifice all for you and me. God please protect our soldiers overseas and bring them safely home to their loved ones. God will watch over you I'll pray for your safety Eva M. - Franklin SQ NY

U.S. withholds Czech military aid to cover parking tickets

The Associated Press

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — The United States has cut \$81,000 in military aid to the Czech Republic to make up for Czech diplomats' unpaid parking tickets in New York and Washington, a U.S. official said Saturday.

The diplomats failed to pay off the debt — which included parking tickets issued since 1997 — by a July 30 deadline, meaning that the money will be deducted from \$10 million in U.S. military aid to the Czech Republic, said Lisa Hellinga, spokeswoman for the U.S. Embassy in Prague.

The deduction has been mandated by the U.S. Congress, she added.

The U.S. military aid to the Czech Republic finances two army programs. The Czech Republic has received about \$120 million under the program since 1997, Helling said.

The Czech Foreign Ministry was not immediately available for comment.

Car crash kills three

NJ CAMDEN — A man who crashed his car through a McDonald's restaurant at about 100 mph, killing three workers, pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide and agreed to serve 10 years in prison.

Frank R. Nastasi Sr. described the 2002 crash in court, saying he was trying to drive to his father's house after dreaming that his father was ill. As he raced to the home, he missed a turn and lost control of the car.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

A battle is brewing

CO DENVER — In Colorado, where microbreweries are common and the biggest beer magazine is running for the Senate, a battle is brewing among teetotalers over who should be their presidential candidate.

Earl Dodge of Denver, the Prohibition Party's candidate in every presidential election since 1984, is running again in November. But coident members complain that he is more interested in his political button business than the party, and they say the 71-year-old Dodge needs to have more power to a younger generation.

Because of the split, Colorado voters will have two anti-alcohol parties to choose from Nov. 2: Dodge and the Rev. Gene Amondson of the newly formed Concerns of People (Prohibition) Party.

Employees under review

TN NASHVILLE — The Department of Children's Services said it is reviewing its operations after employees botched the case of a 13-month-old boy who was later killed, the second time in two months that the agency conceded its staff failed to quickly respond to reports of endangered children.

"The department continues to be plagued by a few employees who cast a negative reflection on the vast majority, those who are committed to improving the lives of Tennessee's children," said Viola Miller, DCS commissioner. "From this day forward, I am committing myself to riding the department of employees who are just here to earn a paycheck."

WWII plane crashed

TX CORSICANA — A vintage World War II plane crashed in a pasture shortly after it took off, killing two men, authorities said. Witnesses Jeff Horn and his wife, Dora, told the Corsicana Daily Sun that the 1943 Fairchild PT26 had just taken off from the Corsicana Municipal Airport when the engine stalled, sending the plane crashing to the ground.

Passenger Robert Burleson of Corsicana was killed. The pilot, Cliff McCune of Kears, died later at a hospital. Authorities said both men were in their 60s.

The Federal Aviation Administration, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the local sheriff's department were investigating.

Teens' rights violated

CT HARTFORD — State officials repeatedly violated the constitutional rights of two

young teenage girls by strip-searching them without probable cause, a federal appeals court ruled.

A three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York found that officials legally searched the girls when they entered the juvenile correction system, but crossed the line with a policy of strip-searching inmates after court hearings and transfers.

The court's decision did not name the facilities where the girls, 13 and 14, were strip-searched. The girls described one search conducted with other inmates present.

Demolition surprise

MO CAPE GIRARDEAU — An explosion meant to demolish one section of an obsolete Mississippi River bridge unexpectedly brought down the rest of the span, too.

Hundreds of observers watched in fascination — and dismay — as the steel structure jackknifed into the water, rumbling the Cape Girardeau riverfront. One support pier also collapsed. Debris fell into the river and leaned partially against a still-standing bridge support.

The explosion had been aimed to remove only the section of bridge closest to the Missouri side. The Illinois approach was removed earlier, and the two final sections were



Balancing act
Chris Higgins, 16, balances a Hackey Sac on his head as he plays with friends before youth service for teenagers at Faith Christian Family Church in Clovis, N.M.

to be demolished this fall.

Stolen relics

NV RENO — Two men convicted of stealing ancient American Indian rock etchings from a national forest were sentenced to short prison terms.

Defense lawyers said they will appeal because the men did not know — and federal prosecutors failed to prove — the petroglyphs were valuable archaeological artifacts.

U.S. District Judge Howard McKibben sentenced Carroll Mizell, 44, Van Nuys, Calif., who has a prior criminal record, to four months in prison and two months house arrest. John Ligon, 40, Reno, was sentenced to two months.

A federal jury in June convicted the men of stealing three large boulders bearing the etchings of an archer and highhorn sheep from an archaeological site on the edge of a northwest Reno neighborhood.

Forest Service officials believe the relics are at least 1,000 years old.

High-speed ferry docked

NV ROCHESTER — A high-speed ferry that carried 140,000 passengers across Lake Ontario in its first 11 weeks in service was tied up at its home port, possibly until next spring, with debts of \$1.7 million.

The operator of the Spirit of Ontario, a 55-mph catamaran that zipped across the lake in two hours and 15 minutes, blamed regulatory hurdles.

"We hope to be back in service in the next few days or the next few weeks at the latest, but if we have to work all through the winter to get these issues resolved, we're going to do that," said Cornel Martin, president of Canadian American Transportation Systems.

Boat is a golden find

AK ANCHORAGE — The wreckage of a steamship found near Cordova has been identified as the S.S. Portland, a vessel known for launching the Klondike Gold Rush.

The Portland, which once smuggled guns, drugs and illegal workers, was one of the first ships to carry Yukon miners and their gold from Alaska in 1897, and helped spark the fever that drew thousands to Alaska in search of their fortune.

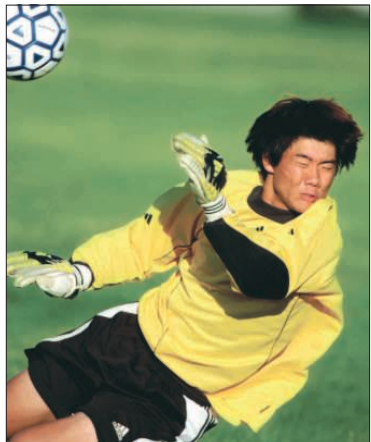
The Portland hauled miners to Skagway and St. Michael, the two routes into the Klondike, near present-day Dawson City, and then to the next gold strike in Nome.

Official ordered to work

MD ANNAPOLIS — A judge ordered Maryland's top elections official back to work, temporarily overturning her suspension by the State Board of Elections until a hearing can take place.

Linda Lamone, criticized in recent months for advocating an entirely electronic voting system, has a hearing on her suspension with pay — the first step toward firing her.

Lamone has been criticized for the purchase of 16,000 Diebold AccuVote TS voting machines, a model that experts have criticized, saying they leave no paper trail and are susceptible to tampering.



Sliding save Burlington High School varsity soccer goalkeeper Matt Eisold makes a sliding save attempt off a Horlick High School forward's shot on goal during the second half of Burlington's match with Horlick High School near Racine, Wis.



Flying high Mike Gural of Black Hawk, S.D., tries out his new power kite on the western edge of Rapid City, S.D.



A bloody deal Red Cross nurse Kathy Pickering draws blood from Tessa Fraser, left, while Michele Wick, right, waits her turn at the Cleveland Regional Transit Authority offices in Cleveland. The Cleveland Regional Transit Authority handed out vouchers for a pint of any beverage, including beer, in exchange for a pint of blood, the latest incentive offered to try to build up the blood banks.



Wet and wild ride

Rafters run the Smelter Rapids on the Animas River through Durango, Colo.



Keeping cool

Los Angeles Dodgers fan Martin Perez takes in a cool mist as he and others wait to hear announcements regarding a lottery held for fans wanting to purchase tickets for a possible Los Angeles Dodgers playoff game at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.



Leap into school

Tucker Gray jumps into second grade as he gets off the school bus on the first day back at Mitchell School in Kittery Point, Maine.



Waiting for dinner

A vulture sits outside a Gainesville, Fla., restaurant waiting for food. Recent storms might have driven it to this unusual behavior.

Town wants tourists

AR HOT SPRINGS — Bill Clinton's boyhood home wants part of the tourist business expected from the opening Nov. 18 of the former president's library. City officials say Little Rock, 50 miles away, won't be able to handle everyone coming for the festivities.

Comments end case

NE LINCOLN — An appeals court threw out a child molester's sentence because of religious comments made by the trial judge — the same judge who had had another sentence thrown out for the same reason in 1998.

Jay Bruna, a former bus driver sentenced to 15 to 50 years for sexually assaulting a child on his bus, will remain in prison until he is re-sentenced.

The Nebraska Court of Appeals based its decision on the fact that District Judge George Thompson made religious references before sentencing, referring to his own earlier case.

From tavern to jazz club

IL CHICAGO — Gerry's Palm Tavern, once a gathering place for black celebrities in Bronzeville, is slated for replacement by a new jazz club. Preservationists say the neighborhood on Chicago's South Side would benefit more from restoring the tavern to draw tourists and history buffs.

Wallaby welcome wagon

WA KEY CENTER — A family moving into a home west of Tacoma was greeted by an unusual welcome.

A family member found a young male wallaby — a marsupial native to Australia — outside the home's rear door, authorities said.

Animal control officers say the wallaby may have been raised as a pet, which is legal in the county, and then either escaped or was abandoned. The animal now occupies a dog kennel in the shelter's isolation wing and feeds on timothy hay and carrots.

Sponge to clean sewers

RI PROVIDENCE — An experimental material used to stop pollutants in stormwater sewers from emptying into waterways debuted at Scarborough Beach in Narragansett, and state officials are hopeful it can be used to reduce beach closures statewide.

The material is called the "Smart Sponge," and is made by AbTech Industries of Scottsdale, Ariz. It is being tried for the first time in the Scarborough Beach project, said state Department of Transportation spokeswoman Dana Nolle.

Scarborough was closed to swimmers twice this summer due to pollution. The beach is affected by rain overflows from three primary storm drains.

Unborn child case

TX AMARILLO — A woman pleaded guilty to delivering crack to her unborn son, avoiding trial in a case that could determine

the boundaries of a state law intended to protect the unborn.

As part of her plea agreement, Tracy Ward, 30, retained her right to appeal, said her attorney, Joe Dawson. The deal averted trial over the question of whether a mother's actions can be prosecuted under a law that classifies a fetus as an individual.

Ward, who admitted smoking crack cocaine in the days leading up to her son's birth in early November, will be sentenced.

Speeders are served

CT MIDDLETOWN — State troopers issued 4,954 tickets over the Labor Day weekend, surpassing by more than 2,000 the number of highway summonses issued last year. Most tickets were for speeding.

Village ceases to exist

OH NEW ROME — No roads lead to New Rome.

This tiny central Ohio village, known to locals as a speed trap that raked in thousands of dollars in traffic fines every year, is no more.

The village's dissolution became official and it now becomes another part of Prairie Township.

New Rome's demise came after a court sided with Attorney General Jim Petro and agreed the village had been operating illegally.

A recently passed law allows the state to seek dissolution of villages of fewer than 150 people if the state auditor finds a pattern of wrongdoing or incompetence in the its operation. The village admitted it did not pass a tax budget in 2004 and failed to follow election laws.

Puppy fights back

FL PENSACOLA — A man who tried to shoot seven puppies was shot himself when one of the dogs put its paw on the revolver's trigger.

Jerry Allen Bradford, 37, was charged with felony animal cruelty, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office said. He was being treated at a hospital for a gunshot wound to the wrist.

Bradford said he decided to shoot the 3-month-old shepherd-mix dogs in the head because he couldn't find them at home, according to the sheriff's office.

Bradford was holding two puppies — one in his arms and another in his left hand — when the dog in his hand wiggled and put its paw on the trigger of the .38-caliber revolver. The gun then discharged, the sheriff's report said.

Prison tightens security

MT HELENA — A private company contracted to transport state prisoners will tighten security after four inmates escaped from a transport van. The company agreed to assign a "chase car" when transporting the most dangerous inmates, to stop the vans only at secure locations and not to stop at all during trips of less than three hours.

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Y chromosome not needed

I have just read a letter from a man who has little regard for women being able to use their mind.

He has indicated that females, as a whole, are not capable of making decisions regarding their futures or careers. He has tapped into the stereotype of women not being able to make it in the world without some men protecting them from the folly of trying.

Military service is a choice. I was at the kitchen table when my daughter signed the paperwork to join the Marines. She was aware of the risks as well as the opportunities. She was proud to be a part of the service. She was prepared to do what any other Marine was asked to do. The decision to send a serviceman or woman to any area should be based on ability to perform, not the lack of a Y chromosome.

All those who have paid the ultimate price, male or female, deserve our gratitude. All those in harm's way, including my daughter, should have the support and respect of all of those in the United States. Sitting here we are more secure, in part due to those keeping the battle elsewhere.

On another subject I see pictures daily of Iraqi people in displays of anti-government sentiments. I am not talking about the thugs with the weapons, doing more harm to their own property, people and religious icons than to U.S. forces. I am talking about all the pictures that show Iraqis demonstrating against some action taken by their government.

The media shows these demonstrations as indicating that what we are doing there is wrong, not making the country better altogether.

Just think, would they have been able to come together as a group and chant those same anti-government words before last year?

Sherylle Gues

Hickory, Ky.

Problems with CPAC

I am the postal officer for the Schweinfurt military community and I want to ad-

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draw how the Civilian Personnel Advisor Center Heidelberg chose to process applicants known as "over hires" to augment the deployed soldiers in Germany.

They are processed in Heidelberg instead of at the local CPAC. They have several employees processing people via e-mail. This has caused many, many delays in getting people working because of incorrect forms being e-mailed, fax numbers not accessible and plain old bad attitudes among the advisor centers' contacts.

Perhaps they are overtasked, however, a bit more professionalism should be adhered to. More supervision over this program is needed.

I made employee selections in early August and still my new employees have not started working because of the above-mentioned problems. This comes when I am extremely short-handed with personnel and will remain so until our community's deployments end.

I have also had problems entering some over hires' timecards because they have been entered into the system under the wrong Time and Attendance Group, and one knew how to correct the problem. I have informed my supervisors and I am simply fed up.

CPAC leaders should know that their

services are deteriorating and my work-ers are suffering for it.

I am merely saying what I am sure many others want to say. CPAC Heidelberg needs to fix things up there.

Charles C. Jones
Schweinfurt, Germany

There is a drop-off in quality

In "Everyone can improve," (Aug. 31), the letter writer stated that he was not in agreement with a previous letter ("Take responsibility," XCOS, Aug. 19) that mentioned that the Reserve and the National Guard needed to police their back yards well, as far as noncommissioned officer responsibility. In "Everyone can improve," the letter writer appeared to take serious and grievous offense at that statement.

I have served for more than 21 years of active duty in the Army, and some of that was with the National Guard as a New Equipment Training Team Detachment instructor. Imagine my shock when we instructors were forced to teach senior leaders, both officers and enlisted, how to do such basics as map reading and radio operations — this being in a field artillery unit. It is totally unreasonable to expect a National Guard or Reserve unit to be able to maintain a place within the band of excellence comparable to a full-time active-duty unit. But on the other hand, it is not unreasonable to expect that basic soldiering be adhered to and enforced.

The Aug. 31 letter writer should look at the average haircut standard and uniform standard among his peers in the Guard/Reserve. These are among the factors that cause the active-duty military to sneer at our brothers and sisters in the Guard/Reserve.

It is politically correct to speak of all the equality between/among the active-duty Reserve Guard but, in truth, none is truly equal until deployed to a combat theater.

After a Guard/Reserve unit serves in combat for six months, then its members are the technical and tactical equals of the active force. Not before.

Master Sgt. Dan Nolen
Camp Casey, South Korea



OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

Bush honest on vast terror war
The Courier, Findlay, Ohio

President Bush created quite a stir when he said [Aug. 30] on NBC's "Today" show, "I don't mean to win it" — meaning the war on terrorism.

His political rivals immediately pounced. Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards said, "After months of listening to the Republicans base their campaign on their singular ability to win the war on terror, the president now says we can't win the war on terrorism. This is no time to declare defeat."

Well, that's politics. Bush was hardly declaring defeat. He was being both realistic — acknowledging that the scope of this war makes it more a battle to control than to win — and optimistic.

We can't "win" this war militarily — but we have to continue to do all we can to create the conditions that make a real victory possible.

Bush understands this. The Democrats never have. That's why we need to re-elect the president.

One thousand deaths later
Los Angeles Times

Six U.S. soldiers were killed, two Italian aid workers were kidnapped and warplanes bombed a Sunni enclave in Fallujah, a city mostly off-limits to coalition troops. It was just another day in the war Tuesday, except for the numbers. By [Wednesday] morning, Iraq time, the Associated Press count of casualties stated that 1,000 U.S. troops had been killed in Iraq, aside from more than 100 other coalition soldiers and thousands of Iraqi noncombatants. And many thousands more have been wounded.

It is an obvious point at which to ask: To what end are U.S. personnel continuing to die? What is it that commanders should tell their troops as they head into lethal streets? Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Tuesday that violence was increasing because insurgents viewed peaceful balloting, set for January, and a democratic constitution as enemies. That conclusion is debatable, perhaps even a smoke screen. What's not in doubt is the insurgents' view of U.S. troops as the enemy. It's a belief that unites adherents of the Sunni brand of Islam, who have fought coalition troops out of much or all of the cities of Fallujah, Ramadi and Samarra, and the Shiite Muslims who fought the Americans in Najaf.

The United States will not win a war of attrition. Such wars do not favor occupying armies. Enclaves off-limits to soldiers give insurgents staging grounds to regroup.

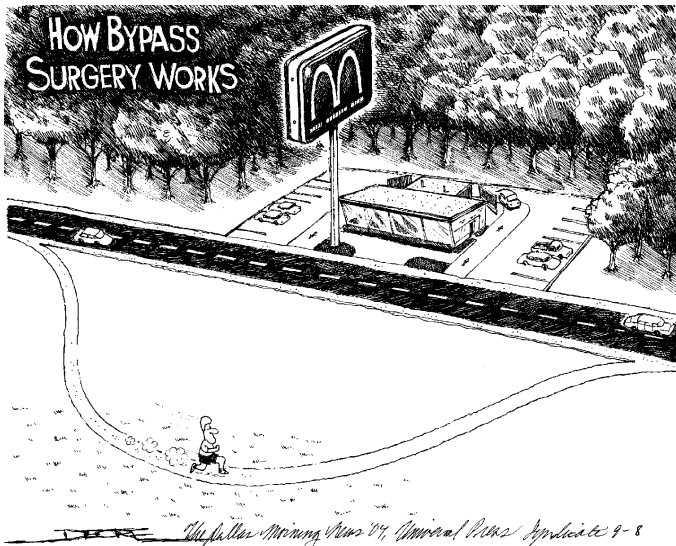
Invading nations have an obligation to try to repair the damage they cause, but armies also need a clearly defined mission. How much are U.S. troops supposed to rebuild? Are they still meant to install democracy? Or will the U.S. settle for any kind of political stability, even if repressive clerics rule the country?

Soldiers and Marines deserve to know, as they head out to face snipers and roadside bombs, what they're meant to accomplish for that price.

Poor plan doomed Abu Ghraib
The Gazette, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Two recently conducted inquiries into the abuse of prisoners by U.S. military personnel at the Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad dealt only briefly with what might have been the most shocking policy failure: the neglect of U.S. officials to plan for anything but the most rosy scenario in the wake of Baghdad's capture.

One example of all this is that the Abu Ghraib prison problem is that in October 2003, the



facility held 7,000 prisoners and had a guard force of only 90 people, many of whom could not speak the languages of the detainees.

The abuses at Abu Ghraib shocked many Americans. What should be more shocking was that so many top officials apparently believed the "cakewalk" theory. The first false assumption was that almost all Iraqis would be so pleased to be "liberated" that occupation would present no major problems. The second was that the remnants of the old regime would ... not resist. The third was a failure to anticipate that occupied Iraq would become a magnet for every jihadist in the region with an itch to kill Americans and other infidels.

Bush administration hawks apparently so believed their own spin that they had no plan or plan C. U.S. military personnel in Iraq are paying for this failure still.

Clinton still defies odds
Times Union, Albany, N.Y.

As President Clinton recovers from coronary bypass surgery, we join with millions of Americans who wish him a full and speedy return to good health. But we also wonder, along with many others, how he could have come so close to a severe, even fatal, heart attack — as his doctors say he did — without someone raising a warning flag long ago.

Mr. Clinton always seemed to be in good physical shape, both while in the White House and later in private life. Despite his junk-food diet and cigars, he jogged regularly, and his energy seemed inexhaustible. He exuded youthful robustness that belied his 58 years, and in recent months he appeared in better shape than ever after losing weight on the South Beach diet.

So how is it that, when Mr. Clinton checked into New York's Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan, several of his arteries were 90 percent blocked with plaque — as doctors are now saying? Given his history of thorough medical checkups ... why didn't someone notice the warning signs long before this month?

If there is a common thread that runs through all of this, it's that of cavalier attitudes — on the part of a patient who too

often brushed aside the potential dangers of his diet and family medical history, and of doctors who should have looked more closely at those dangers as well.

Insurance is Frances-friendly
The Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press

As Florida digs itself out from a second major hurricane in less than a month, the state can be thankful for a few things, chief among them the relatively good condition of the state's insurance industry.

Hurricane Frances will no doubt add billions to the \$7.4 billion in insured losses caused by Charley. But the double whammy should have far less effect on the industry than Hurricane Andrew did in 1992.

They also created a hurricane catastrophe fund that, in effect, insures the insurers.

The catastrophe fund will still have \$5 billion in cash after providing about \$1 billion to back up claims from Charley. The fund can issue bonds for up to \$9 billion more if needed, placing assessments on policies to cover the cost.

We'll see how things go, but the industry insists it is more than capable of making 2004's huge payouts. ...

The insurance premium hikes during the past decade-plus have been sharp and painful. ... It will all be worth it if people get good coverage and if they do not have to face an outlandish round of new increases.

That should not be necessary if the industry is as sound as it says it is.

Bryant case rightfully ended
Denver Rocky Mountain News

So the trial of Kobe Bryant has ended before it even began and the threat of a long prison sentence is now lifted from Bryant's head.

At his press conference, District Attorney Mark Hubbert's remarks were reserved almost entirely to a self-serving defense of his office and expressions of confidence in the alleged victim. He devoted not one mo-

ment's reflection on the injustice of someone being tagged with an apparently unprovable charge and having his life turned upside down as a result.

In this case, that person happened to be an NBA star with the resources to sustain himself. A similar experience could easily have destroyed many other men. Does Hubbert have any remorse over his handling of this case? Apparently not.

And meanwhile, of course, Bryant is still facing a civil lawsuit over the matter. ...

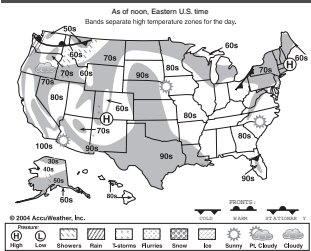
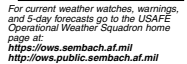
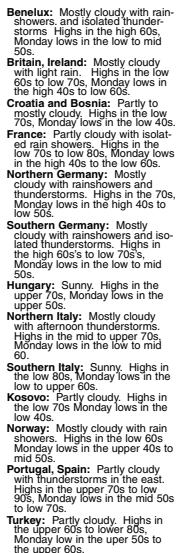
In the coming days and weeks, much more criticism likely will be leveled against Colorado's rape shield law, the primary complaint being that it is inadequate to the task of resolving acquaintance rape cases. We expect more bashing, too, of the media. In our view, however, the rape shield law worked as intended, media coverage had nothing to do with the outcome of this case and the prosecution itself was the weakest link.

Lesson: Acts have consequences
Journal Star, Peoria, Ill.

It's difficult to know quite what to make of the dismissal of basketball superstar Kobe Bryant's criminal court case on an allegation of sexual assault. What is clear is that nobody won here, and that casual sex has its consequences.

Indeed, for a one-night stand that he maintains was consensual, the then-24-year-old Bryant risked his marriage, his health, his liberty, his wealth, his career and his reputation. Though he doesn't have prison hanging over his head now, it's hard to believe that he would say anything about that June 30, 2003, evening at a lodge in Eagle County, Colo., was worth it.

Of course, we'd like to think in America that the scales of justice are equal for all, for prosecution and defense, for accuser and accused. And yet in a case like this, celebrity and wealth skew everything. ... Some unfortunate things happened in and around this case that may have prejudiced this outcome. Knowing that, other rape victims should not be discouraged from coming forward in circumstances that likely will not resemble these. Meanwhile, it's a good idea to try to avoid these potentially tragic situations in the first place, to the extent one is able.



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Happy Grandparents Day! With so much astral activity focused in the sign of Virgo, we'll be thinking of truly helpful and interesting ways to pay homage to our ancestors. Gifts, sentiments and activities that center around creating a better relationship in the future than we had in the past will be the most cherished.

Joyce Jilison

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 12). Generosity comes back to you this week. Soak in all the success and love coming your way — you richly deserve it. A November windfall is connected to family. Couples sell joint property in October or buy. Singles find true love in January. Gemini and Libra loves are favored. Start a healthy trend this spring by getting in shape.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You get a good omen early in the day and should take it to heart. Evolving partnerships will be hugely positive. Continue to share your exuberant affection with people who can appreciate it. Tonight: Howl at the moon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You put yourself in new environments that turn out to be less comfortable than you would have hoped, but make the best of it. When you hang in there, you're bound to meet someone interesting who makes the excursion worthwhile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Enjoy loved ones, being continually grateful for what they've brought to your life. This might be easier said than done when certain people drive others crazy with their self-centered attitude. Tolerance is the key to happiness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

There's much to explore, so handle unbusinessed early in the day. Family plays an integral role in helping you better yourself — that is, if you accept help. Friends share their good luck with you, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You know exactly what you have to offer and exactly what you want. Want. Sets the scene for barter, trade and all kinds of negotiations. The week-

end trades are the ones you'll be the proudest of.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Double your chances of luck by having backup plans for everything. Someone's idea of fun isn't yours at all. Spend more time with people who "get" you and make you laugh, too — like Leo and Scorpio.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

No one tells you where the opportunities are, but if you keep your eyes open, you'll find they're ripe for the picking. A sudden wave of popularity is featured tonight. You're attractive when you're doing what you enjoy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Smoldering anger magnifies everyone around. Romantic decisions are easy to make initially, but challenges arise soon after you've stated your final word. Sticking to your choice becomes the hard part.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

The best way to get what you want isn't necessarily the first one that comes to mind, so use that wild imagination of yours! Be thankful for a challenge that's right up your alley.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Release past frustration — you're onto something new now, and reflecting on the past only holds you back. Someone wants to get close and might have a weird way of showing it. Be tolerant of people's quirks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Love conquers all — eventually. But the loving thing to do isn't always the easiest thing to do. Challenge yourself to take the high road in every situation that comes up.

Accept compliments graciously, and they keep coming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Progress toward your goal with an open mind but a narrow focus. Saying "yes" to too many new obligations will weigh you down. Dancing or fast exercise frees your mind to accept the answers you have been waiting for.

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Updike brought back 'redux'

Could you explain the meaning and origin of "redux"? I have often read of something being "redux," but have never understood the meaning or known the correct pronunciation of the word.

"Redux" is an adjective meaning "brought back." The word, which rhymes with "sucks," derives from Latin "reducere," meaning "to lead back," and has been in use since at least 1660. Usually the adjective is placed after the noun it modifies, as in statements like "For a moment it seemed like the same old nightmarish Martina redux, choking up, beating herself." In fact, "redux" can be applied to almost

anything from movie heroes to technological projects to politicians.

Until quite recently, this word was used very rarely, though John Dryden and Anthony Trollope had each included it in the title of a work, and it was absent from most dictionaries. But after John Updike used it in 1971 for "Rabbit Redux," the title of the second in his series of novels about Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom, the word caught on, and contemporary dictionaries now routinely include it.

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911 is faster than driving to hospital during emergencies

Dear Abby: My letter concerns a letter in your column.

It was written by a woman who had suffered a heart attack and was driven to the hospital by her husband.

I have been a paramedic for 18 years. It is important your readers understand that attempting to drive yourself or a loved one to a hospital is a bad idea. The 911 emergency number was put in place to help the sick and injured in a timely manner. Most citizens are not aware of the capabilities of their local emergency medical services agencies.

Today, paramedics bring the emergency room to the patient's home. We are capable of treating chest pain and, in many cases, of diagnosing a heart attack in the patient's living room. This information is relayed directly to the emergency room, where a doctor can assemble a cardiac catheterization team to promptly treat the heart attack when the patient arrives. Not every hospital can provide cardiac catheterization, so we offer the patient a choice to go directly to a properly equipped facility. In addition, we administer medications immediately.

The biggest delay in receiving

prompt care is delay in calling 911, due to denial. "Time is muscle" is our saying.

The more time you waste, the more heart muscle is damaged. The average person driving someone to a hospital cannot

treat the person, and also tends to speed and drive in an unsafe manner. Please inform your readers, Abby.

—Paul Tascino, N.Y.

Dear Paul: Thank you for the valuable reminder that 911 is for life-threatening emergencies, and the expertise of the technicians can mean the difference between life and death.

Dear Abby: My

3-year-old daughter was recently invited to a birthday party for two of her classmates (twins). The party is scheduled for a weeknight from 6 to 8:30 p.m. — the time I have set for bath time, story time and lights out at 8 p.m.

Would I be rude and insensitive if I do not permit my daughter to attend? I don't want to offend the mother, but I don't want to deny my child up with sugary party snacks and activities right before a late bedtime.

—Confused in Texas

Dear Confused: Rude and

insensitive? No. Rigid? Yes.

I'm willing to bet that the mother of the twins is a working woman, and the party would be earlier if it was possible. I see no harm in bending the rules or flexing your daughter's schedule once in a while. Of course, you will be going with your daughter to the party, so monitoring what she eats should be a cinch. Feeding your daughter a healthy meal before the party should ensure that she won't overdo on sugar. I say, let her go.

Dear Abby: When my

12-year-old daughter spends the night somewhere other than home, I don't sleep well. When she goes away to camp for a week, I hardly sleep at all. I am not up all night pacing the floor, worrying about her — I just can't sleep.

My sister tells me that this is not normal. Am I abnormal for losing sleep when my daughter is away?

—Sleepless Near Seattle

Dear Sleepless: No, you are a vigilant parent. Many parents cannot sleep unless they know their children are safe in their own beds and under their own roof.

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Friend's constant negativity may be rubbing off on child

Dear Annie: My dear friend "Vivian" is zany, funny and irreverent. She loves to gossip.

When we were coworkers, she was my lifeline, and we have continued our friendship through the years. We often socialize during outings with our children.

Lately, I have become rather concerned about Vivian's mood. Aside from the gossip, there's a lot of negativity in her remarks. My daughter is a young teen and thinks of Vivian as her wacky aunt.

Fortunately, she shows no inclination toward copying Viv's manner of mocking and criticizing. I am, however, very concerned about Vivian's daughter, who is nearly 4.

During our lunch dates, this little girl gets an earful of nasty comments about her uncle's trampy fiancée, the neighbor's stupidity and how horribly obese her preschool friend is. I know I cannot possibly be helpful.

This rather disly behavior is one of the things I used to like about Viv. Have I changed? Should I see her only when we are sans kids? Should I assume

she makes similar comments about me behind my back? What do I do?

—All Ears

Dear All Ears: You haven't changed, but you have adjusted your behavior to be more circumspect when you are around young children.

Vivian hasn't, and her attitude most definitely will influence her daughter.

Seeing her without the children doesn't guarantee that Vivian isn't doing this at home. Since she is a close friend, you might bring it up next time. ("Viv, aren't you concerned that little Susie will repeat the things you say? She's listening to your every word.") And, yes, she's probably talking about you behind your back — but let's assume it is complimentary.

Dear Annie: I've been invited

to two wedding showers for the same 27-year-old woman who has been living with her fiancé for several years and already has a 2-year-old child with him. Mind you, I've already gone to a baby shower for the same couple.

The bride soon will have a large wedding, with a white formal gown, flower girl, the works. Her mother is planning it all and having the time of her life. I'm happy the couple is choosing to legally marry and give their daughter a two-parent family. It is the word "discretion" absent from today's dictionary? It seems to me they're just greedy for gifts (she invited 75 people to one shower). In the wedding invitation, we were told where we could deposit our money for their benefit. Am I just an old fogey?

—Different Drummer

Marching

Dear Different: If you are, you have lots of company. No one outside of family and very close friends should be invited to two bridal showers. It's too good a burden. And 75 people is more fund-raiser than shower. We won't get into the lack of class needed to put suggestions about money inside a wedding invitation. We only hope the friendship is worth surviving that level of crassness.

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AFN-Sports, 6 p.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open, women's singles final (td).

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open, men's semifinals (td).

AFN-Sports, 10 p.m. — College football: Georgia Tech at Clemson (td).

AFN-Sports, 2:30 p.m. — College football: Missouri at Alabama (td).

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m. — Pro football: Jacksonville at Pittsburgh (td).

AFN-Pacific/Korea, 10 p.m. — Pro football: Oakland at Pittsburgh (td).

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(28) Casey Means, Dodge, 125.815.
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(44) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 125.000.
(45) Kevin Vickers, Chevrolet, 124.780.
(46) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 124.600.
(47) Eddie Harris, Chevrolet, 122.839.
(48) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 124.600.
(49) Ryan McQuay, Chevrolet, 122.839.
(50) Morgan Shepherd, Dodge, 120.500.
(51) Carl Long, Ford, no speed.

Emerson 250

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Friday

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Richmond, Va.

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(Start position in parentheses)

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Lead of Race: 2.0 miles, 15 seconds.
Victory Lap: 1.77 seconds.
Cautions Flagged: 10 for 67 laps.
Lead Changes: 2 among 3 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Knaus, 1-15; C. Wood, 15-25; K. Busch, 26-39; J. Truex Jr., 40-44; C. Means, 45-49; J. Sauter, 50-54; J. Kimmel, 55-59; M. B. Williams, 60-64; J. Hinchey, 65-69; L. Bennett, 70-74; J. Keller, 75-79; J. Graham, 80-84; J. Wallace, 85-89; J. Stille, 90-94; J. McLaughlin, 95-99; J. Wong, 100-104; J. Grissom, 105-109; J. Knaus, 110-114; J. Coe, 115-119; J. Graham, 120-124; J. Wallace, 125-129; J. Stille, 130-134; J. McLaughlin, 135-139; J. Wong, 140-144; J. Grissom, 145-149; J. Knaus, 150-154; J. Coe, 155-159; J. Graham, 160-164; J. Wallace, 165-169; J. Stille, 170-174; J. McLaughlin, 175-179; J. Wong, 180-184; J. Grissom, 185-189; J. Knaus, 190-194; J. Coe, 195-199; J. Graham, 200-204; J. Wallace, 205-209; J. Stille, 210-214; J. McLaughlin, 215-219; J. Wong, 220-224; J. Grissom, 225-229; J. Knaus, 230-234; J. Coe, 235-239; J. Graham, 240-244; J. Wallace, 245-249; J. Stille, 250-254; J. McLaughlin, 255-259; J. Wong, 260-264; J. Grissom, 265-269; J. Knaus, 270-274; J. 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College scoreboard

AP Top 25 fared

How the top 25 teams in the Associated Press college football poll fared Saturday (unless otherwise noted):

No. 1 Southern Cal (1-0) vs. Colorado State. Next: at BYU, Saturday.

No. 2 Oklahoma (1-0) vs. Houston. Next: vs. No. 24 Oregon, Saturday.

No. 3 Georgia (1-0) vs. North Carolina. Next: vs. Marshall, Saturday.

No. 4 Florida State (0-1) lost to No. 5 Miami 16-10 in OT Friday. Next: vs. UAB, Saturday.

No. 5 Miami (1-0) defeated No. 4 Florida State 16-10 in OT Friday. Next: vs. Louisiana Tech, Saturday.

No. 6 LSU (1-0) vs. Arkansas State. Next: at No. 18 Auburn, Saturday.

No. 7 Texas (1-0) at Arkansas. Next: vs. Rice, Sept. 25.

No. 8 Michigan (1-0) at Notre Dame. Next: vs. San Diego State, Saturday.

No. 9 Ohio State (1-0) vs. Marshall. Next: at N.C. State, Saturday.

No. 10 West Virginia (1-0) at UCF. Next: vs. No. 23 Maryland, Saturday.

No. 11 Florida (0-0) vs. Eastern Michigan. Next: at No. 14 Tennessee, Saturday.

No. 12 California (1-0) vs. New Mexico State. Next: at Southern Miss, Saturday.

No. 13 Kansas State (1-1) lost to Fresno State 45-21. Next: vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, Saturday.

No. 14 Tennessee (1-0) beat UNLV 42-17, Sunday. Next: vs. No. 1 Florida, Saturday.

No. 15 Virginia (1-0) vs. North Carolina. Next: vs. Akron, Saturday.

No. 16 Iowa (2-0) def. Iowa State 17-10. Next: at Arizona State, Saturday.

No. 17 Utah (1-0) at Arizona. Next: at Utah State, Saturday.

No. 18 Mississippi State (0-2) beat Mississippi State 43-14. Next: vs. No. 6 LSU, Saturday.

No. 19 Missouri (1-1) did not play. Next: vs. Ball State, Saturday.

No. 20 Clemson (1-0) vs. Georgia Tech. Next: at Texas A&M, Saturday.

No. 21 Wisconsin (2-0) beat UNLV 18-3. Next: at Arizona, Saturday.

No. 22 Minnesota (1-0) vs. Illinois State. Next: at Colorado State, Saturday.

No. 23 Maryland (1-0) vs. Temple. Next: at No. 24 Oregon (0-0) vs. Indiana. Next: at No. 2 Oklahoma, Saturday.

No. 25 Purdue (1-0) beat Syracuse 51-0, Sunday, vs. Ball State. Next: at Illinois, Sept. 12.

Friday

No. 5 Miami 16,

No. 4 Florida State 10 (OT)

Florida State 3 7 0 0 6-10
Miami 0 0 10 0 10-6

First quarter
FSU—FG Bellia 45, 3:20

Second quarter
FSU—Cromarie 51, punt return (Bellia kick), 7:18

Fourth

Mia—FG Heath 18, 12:39

Mia—Moss 30 pass from Berlin (Peattie kick), 10:30

Overtime

Mia—Gore 18 run

A-78:62.2

FSU 16

Mia 10

Rushes-yards 35-57 32-109

Passing yards 108 255

Comp-Att-int 12-28-2 20-36-1

Return yards 67 36

Punts-Avg 4-45 4-46

Fumbles-Lost 2-2 2-2

Points per game 6-45 4-41

Time of possession 29:05 30:55

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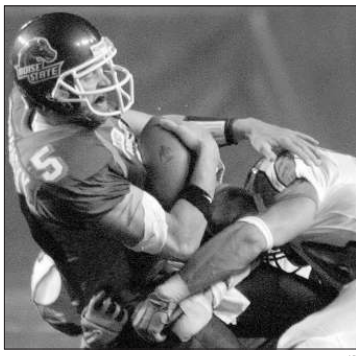
Rushing—Florida State, Washington 13-44, Bush 1-6, Coleman 1-12, Smith 1-20.

Passing—Florida State, Miami 18-28, Parrish 18-28, Moss 6-8, Bellia 1-1.

Punting—Florida State, Rix 22-28-0-10, Binkley 3-10-0-1-25.

Receiving—Florida State, Thorpe 5-47, Binkley 3-10, Davis 2-25, Sam 1-17, Stwall 1-2.

Blocking—Florida State, Moss 4-12, Smith 4-6, Everett 3-4, Olsen 2-38, Jenkins 2-6, Hill 2-3, Gore 2-11, Moss 4-12, Moore 1-12.



Boise State QB Jared Zabransky (5) gets taken down on the play by Oregon State's Saby Piscitelli, but the Broncos won the game 53-34.

Boise State extends winning streak to 13

Broncos make Oregon St. first Pac-10 victim

The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Jared Zabransky threw three touchdowns and passes and also ran for a score, Corey Hall had three interceptions and Boise State extended its winning streak to 13 games with a 53-34 victory over Oregon State on Friday night.

The Broncos, who improved to 2-0 with the first victory in school history over a Pac-10 team, have the longest current winning streak in Division I-A, and their 20-game run at home also is the best in the nation. Boise State is 25-1 in its last 26 games, the lone setback a 26-24 loss last season at Oregon State.

Oregon State (0-2), coming off a 22-21 overtime loss at LSU, raced to a 14-0 lead, but the Broncos scored 34 straight points to take control.

Hall returned one of his interceptions 66 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter to cut Oregon State's lead to 14-10, and

Zabransky gave the Broncos the lead late in the quarter with an 18-yard scoring pass to Derek Schouman.

Tyler Jones kicked a 26-yard field goal on the final play of the first half to make it 20-14. The Broncos pulled away in the third quarter on Schouman's 17-yard TD catch and running back Jeff Carpenter's 21-yard scoring pass to T.J. Acre.

Oregon State's Derek Anderson threw for 411 yards and four TDs — three to Mike Hass — but also had four interceptions.

The Beavers stunned the Boise State-record crowd of 30,950 when they scored on their first two possessions, with Anderson connecting with Hass on 49- and 9-yard scoring plays. Hass finished with 12 catches for 293 yards.

Zabransky, a sophomore from Hermiston, Ore., who threw only 23 passes last season as Ryan Dinwiddie's backup, was 20-for-34 for 225 yards and also ran for 73 yards on 14 carries.

"Are all the games like this in the ACC?" Miami coach Larry Coker said. "I may not like this league."

Then again, he might like it just fine.

The Seminoles have won 11 of 12 league titles since joining the conference in 1992. But Miami's victory clearly gives it an edge in the championship chase this season.

Florida State probably will need the Hurricanes to lose twice to have a chance.

"We want to win the ACC and the national championship, so this is a great start," Berlin said. "This game was huge."

Fresno State upends No. 13 Kansas State

The Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Paul Pienargue threw two touchdown passes to Matt Rivera and ran for another score, and Fresno State upset No. 13 Kansas State 45-21 on Saturday.

Fresno State added two TD runs in Fresno State's biggest victory ever over a ranked team — and the Wildcats' worst regular-season nonconference loss in 13 years. Fresno State (2-0) also earned its second road win over a team from a Bowl Championship Series conference in seven days.

The Wildcats' 45 points were the most given up by the Wildcats in a regular-season nonconference game since a 56-3 loss to Washington in 1991. Fresno State's previous most decisive victory over a ranked team was a 44-24 defeat of Oregon State, then ranked 10th, in 2001.

That season the Bulldogs, from the Western Athletic Conference, also knocked off Colorado and Wisconsin on the road.

Kansas State (1-1) led 7-0 before it took a snap, but the Wildcats couldn't do much right after Bret Jones' 42-yard interception return for a touchdown less than 3½ minutes into the game. They had only two yards of offense in the first quarter and trailed 31-14 at the half.

Fresno State's defense, which scored three times in last Sunday's 35-16 victory at Washington, held Kansas State star Darren Sproles to 37 yards on 11 carries and forced two key turnovers.

Even Kansas State's one second-half score contained a mistake.

With just over a minute in the game, Brian Casper fumbled into the end zone after catching a 13-yard pass, and Tony Madison fell on it for a touchdown.

On offense, the Bulldogs gave up three interceptions — two by Jones — but otherwise exploited the Wildcats' shaky defense with a solid mix of running and passing.

Dwayne Wright ran for 74 yards, one touchdown and caught three passes for 65 yards before being hurt on a 61-yard

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swinging pass play in the fourth quarter — a play that set up Sumner's 4-yard TD run for a 45-14 lead.

Sumlin added 70 yards rushing, and Pienargue was 17-for-30 for 244 yards.

No. 16 Iowa 17, Iowa St. 10: At Iowa City, Iowa, Ed Hinkel made a diving, fingertip catch for a key touchdown and the Hawkeyes stiffened on defense when they needed to most.

Iowa (2-0) forced Iowa State to kick field goals four times after the Cyclones had driven deep into Hawkeye territory. But Brian Jansen, a freshman walk-on, missed three of those kicks and Iowa held on for its second straight victory over the Cyclones after losing five in a row.

Iowa State (1-1) had gained the momentum after Todd Blythe leaped between two defenders to catch a 40-yard touchdown pass from Austin Flynn, cutting the lead to seven with 36 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Cyclones then threw Iowa for 17 yards in losses on three plays and got the ball back at the Hawkeyes' 33. Flynn, the No. 2 quarterback, drove Iowa State to the 16 but gained only 3 yards on a quarterback draw on third-and-7.

That brought in Jansen, whose 31-yard kick looked wide left with 9:47 remaining. Jansen, playing because regular kicker Tony Yelk has a pulled muscle, missed earlier from 30 and 45 yards and made a 41-yarder.

No. 21 Wisconsin 18, UNLV 3: At Madison, Wis., Jim Leonhard returned a blocked field goal 86 yards for a score and the Badgers used two safeties to hold off the Rebels.

The Badgers (2-0) hadn't recorded two safeties in a game since 1951 and they're the first Big Ten team to do it in 23 years, since Minnesota had two at Indiana in 1981. The first came on a huge snap out of the end zone on a punt by UNLV (0-2) and the second on linebacker Mark Zaleski's sack in the end zone.

Late: Miami gets best of Rix again

LATE, FROM BACK PAGE

Florida State also probably would have won the game without Rix's errors.

He threw two interceptions and fumbled twice, including the crucial one in overtime. He finished 12-for-28 for 108 yards.

"We thought we had it and we just didn't finish the game," Rix said. "We just had to execute and we didn't. We didn't do our job. That's on the offense. We didn't execute as well as we should have."

Defense did a great job. They carried us tonight."

After the game, Bowden hinted

that he might make a change at quarterback.

"It wasn't good. It wasn't the performance I expected," he said. "But you don't want to blame it on one guy. It's going to fall on the responsibility of the coaching staff to do the right thing in regards to his play tonight."

Florida State, gaining only 57 yards — the lowest in the series since 1994.

Bowden scored 16 straight points after Florida State capitalized on two turnovers to take a 10-0 lead.

Berlin finished 20-for-36 for 255 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Gore ran 18 times for 89 yards.



Florida State QB Chris Rix threw two interceptions and fumbled twice, including the crucial one in OT. He finished 12-for-28 for 108 yards.

NFL scoreboard

American Conference

	East	West	North	South
New England	1	0	0	0
Buffalo	1	0	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	0
Houston	0	0	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	0
Baltimore	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0
Denver	0	0	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	0

National Conference

	East	West	North	South
Dallas	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0
Atlanta	0	0	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	0
Chicago	0	0	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	0

Thursday's game	1	0	0	0
New England 27, Indianapolis 24	1	0	0	0
Saturday's game	1	0	0	0
Tennessee at Miami	1	0	0	0
Sunday's games	1	0	0	0
Detroit at Chicago	1	0	0	0
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	0
Oakland at Pittsburgh	1	0	0	0
San Diego at Houston	1	0	0	0
Arizona at St. Louis	1	0	0	0
Tampa Bay at Washington	1	0	0	0
Seattle at New Orleans	1	0	0	0
Jacksonville at Buffalo	1	0	0	0
Baltimore at Cleveland	1	0	0	0
Atlanta at San Francisco	1	0	0	0
Dallas at Minnesota	1	0	0	0
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia	1	0	0	0
Kansas City at Denver	1	0	0	0
Monday's game	1	0	0	0
Green Bay at Carolina	1	0	0	0
Tuesday, Sept. 19	1	0	0	0
Houston at Detroit	1	0	0	0
St. Louis at Atlanta	1	0	0	0
Chicago at Green Bay	1	0	0	0
Washington at N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	0
Denver at Jacksonville	1	0	0	0
Indianapolis at Tennessee	1	0	0	0
Pittsburgh at Baltimore	1	0	0	0
Carolina at Kansas City	1	0	0	0
San Francisco at New Orleans	1	0	0	0
Seattle at Tampa Bay	1	0	0	0
Cleveland at Dallas	1	0	0	0
N.Y. Jets at San Diego	1	0	0	0
Buffalo at Oakland	1	0	0	0
New England at Arizona	1	0	0	0
Miami at Cincinnati	1	0	0	0
Monday, Sept. 20	1	0	0	0
Minnesota at Philadelphia	1	0	0	0

NFL calendar

Sept. 13-15	Opening week of 2004 season.
Oct. 19	Trading deadline.
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Jan. 2	Regular season ends.
Jan. 9-9	Wild-card playoffs.
Jan. 16-16	Divisional playoffs.
Jan. 23	Conference Championships.
Jan. 29	Super Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla.
Feb. 13	Pro Bowl, Honolulu.
Feb. 22	Scouting combine, Indianapolis.
April 23-24	NFL Draft, New York.

Vikings aiming for strong start vs. Cowboys

BY DAVE CAMPBELL

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota coach Mike Tice picked up the phone last night in search of some friendly advice from a colleague.

As one of the most accomplished coaches in NFL history, Bill Parcells was clearly a good guy to call.

"He's just a great, great leader," Tice said last week while his Vikings prepared to open the regular season against Parcells' Dallas Cowboys (10 p.m. CET Sunday, APTN-Pacific/Korea). "I really admire the man."

Parcells isn't close to Tice, but he had no qualms offering suggestions about practice routines and some of the other subjects broached that day.

"Hey, that was me 20 years ago asking coach [Tom Landry] the same questions," said Parcells, who led the Cowboys to a 10-6 record in his first year with Dallas and oversaw its first playoff appearance since 1999.

"I just tried to tell him what I thought to be the best," Parcells said. "I think he's doing a really

good job there, and I think with time he'll prove to be one of the top guys in the league."

Tice doesn't have much time, though, in his third year on the job. A 6-0 start in 2003 only got the Vikings a lower draft pick, not a berth in the postseason.

After making important enhancements to the defense and bringing every starter back from an offense that ranked first in total yards, Minnesota is eager to begin putting last year's disappointment out of mind.

"I think this is our year," quarterback Daunte Culpepper said. "It's time for us to step up and go get what we want — and that's to be world champions."

Culpepper will surely be looking for Randy Moss on Sunday, because the All-Pro has a whopping eight touchdowns and 525 yards on 21 receptions in four career games against the Cowboys.

Dallas had the league's top-ranked defense last year, but Terence Newman is the only proven cornerback and safety Darren Woodson is out until at least October with a back injury. Plus,

there's the new emphasis on enforcing illegal contact penalties against receivers downfield.

That could add up to a big game for Moss.

"We don't want to focus on thinking that they're a big-time offense and we've been struggling in the secondary," Newman said.

"We want to say, 'Hey, we can compete.' We don't have any choice."

Michael Bennett will miss the game with a sprained knee, but Minnesota has other reliable running options with Moe Williams and Orentio Smith. The Cowboys' ground game, on the other hand, is a concern.

Veteran Eddie George managed only 51 yards on 24 exhibition-game carries and rookie Julius Jones has been practicing with bruised ribs.

That leaves a lot of responsibility to the 40-year-old arm of Vinny Testaverde, who has reunited with his old coach, Parcells, and his favorite receiver, Keyshawn Johnson. The trio helped take the New York Jets to the AFC championship game two years removed from a 1-15 season in 1996.

"I'm a big advocate and supporter of Vinny, knowing that he can control and run an offense ... and have fun doing it," Johnson said. "I think for him, though, deeply he believes in '98 and '99, that we were the team that was supposed to be in the Super Bowl ... that he got cheated out of his opportunity to take a team all the way. I think he believes that this is his opportunity."

Testaverde is eager for his renaissance to begin. He hasn't started 16 games in a season since 2001.

"I like what I've seen throughout camp," he said. "I like the guys we have on this team. I think we can have an explosive offense."

Parcells is known for leading teams to big improvements in his second year, but that will be a tough order after last season's success.

"I don't think about expectations," he said. "I'm just trying to get my team in order and hope that we play good football sooner rather than later. You just hope to get off to a decent start if you can and things fall into place. It doesn't always happen that way."

1964 Browns finally get trophy to keep

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Forty years later, Jim Brown and the Cleveland Browns teammates huddled together one more time as NFL champions.

On an emotional night of laughter and a few tears, it felt like Dec. 27, 1964, again.

The last Cleveland team to win a world championship, the 1964 Browns were honored Friday night at Severance Hall.

The highlight was the presentation of a championship trophy by NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue to the '64 Browns, who beat the heavily favored Baltimore Colts 27-0 for the title.

Brown was joined by fellow Hall of Famers Leroy Kelly and Paul Warfield as well as Frank Ryan, Gary Collins and other members of the '64 squad.

Browns owner Randy Lerner had hoped to reconnect the old Browns with his new team by

holding the gala, and he commissioned for a trophy to be made to honor the '64 team.

Before there was a Super Bowl or a Vince Lombardi Trophy, the NFL gave its champions the Ed Thorp Trophy, an award named after an official who later made footballs for the league.

Like hockey's Stanley Cup, the Thorp was inscribed with the winner's name by the league and passed from champion to champion each year. When the Browns won in '64, they inherited it from the Chicago Bears, the 1963 titlists.

But when the Browns lost to the 1965 NFL championship game to Green Bay, they handed the Thorp over to the Packers, who have kept it to this day in their Hall of Fame.

Starting as a quality control assistant in Tampa Bay, Mularkey worked his way up the professional ranks to assume the role of rookie head coach of the Buffalo Bills last January. Nothing compares to this.

"There's no emotional high and low that you get that you can compare to any other job in the world," said Mularkey, who at 42 is the third youngest coach in the league. "I know that no matter how many software programs I marketed, I didn't get any experience like I did on the football field."

Mularkey will get to experience them from a new perspective

That's because after the 1966 season, NFL champions got a new trophy each year. It was named the Lombardi Trophy in 1970 to honor the Green Bay coach.

Colts safety Mike Doss expected to miss at least three weeks

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts safety Mike Doss is expected to miss at least three weeks with a pulled hamstring.

Doss pulled up lame during a punt return early in Thursday night's 27-24 season-opening loss at New England. He was taken from the sideline to the locker room on a golf cart.

Coach Tony Dungy confirmed Friday that Doss could miss several weeks.

Doss looks like it will be a while, probably at least three weeks," Dungy said. "We've got some guys on the roster who can play and will play."

Backup Anthony Floyd re-

placed Doss for most of Thursday's game, but the Colts are thin in the secondary where injuries have hit hard. Without Doss, the Colts have just three other safeties — Floyd, Idrees Bashir and Cory Bird, who was inactive Thursday after suffering a concussion in the final exhibition game.

Wide receiver Dwight Ickley to miss Chargers opener

San Diego Chargers wide receiver Tim Dwight is expected to miss Sunday's opener at Houston because of a hamstring injury.

Dwight missed his third straight practice Friday. The Chargers will start Eric Parker and Reche Caldwell at wideout.

Dwight missed seven games last season, six due to a partially collapsed lung and one with a knee injury. He also missed six games in 2001 with a collapsed lung.

joined an encouraging finish by winning four of its last eight games.

"Certainly, I can relate to it," Del Rio said, referring to Mularkey. "I would prefer to let Mike kind of find his own way. And we'll talk after our game."

Two teams being asked to erase last year's troubles, and who coincidentally last made the playoffs in 1999, get a chance to start anew.

"It can be portrayed a lot of different ways. Del Rio can say, 'I know this, these are two football teams that are probably more talented than the record last year indicates. I think we're both excited about going out and having better years.'"



Mike Mularkey

Mularkey ready for debut as Bills' head coach

BY JOHN WAWROW

The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Mike Mularkey prepares to make his head-coaching debut secure that he made the right decision to quit his day job as a computer salesman some 11 years ago.

"I don't miss that. That wasn't me," Mularkey said, referring to the time he spent working for IBM in the early 1990s after the former NFL tight end's playing days were over. "But it was a great experience. It let me have a little taste what the real world was like."

Welcome to his fantasy world.

Steelers, Raiders longing for old days

Former AFC powers coming off losing seasons

BY ALAN ROBINSON
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — They are as steeped in tradition as two AFC teams can be, these franchises of Al Davis and the Rooneyes, Chuck Noll and John Madden and, yes, the Immaculate Reception. They have seven Super Bowl trophies between them, and each stopped the other from possibly winning more.

Those were the good old days for the Oakland Raiders and the Pittsburgh Steelers, once the NFL's most feared men in black.

The nowadays? They're not so good, with the Raiders (4-12) and Steelers (6-10) each coming off one of their worst seasons since the NFL merger in 1970.

To try to recapture the past, both teams start the new season Sunday in Pittsburgh by renewing a durable rivalry with some familiar old names, albeit in new places.

"We're not worried about what happened before or what happened a way long time ago," Raiders defensive lineman Warren Sapp said.

"It's a whole new group of guys."

Actually, the Raiders brought in a whole old group of guys after a year of injuries and infighting under former coach Bill Callahan ruined what was a Super Bowl title season before the merger.

To repair one of the NFL's worst defenses, the Raiders signed three proven linemen in Sapp (Tampa Bay) and Ted Washington and Bobby Hamilton (New England) and a proven name (Ray Buchanan), and a proven name: Rob Ryan, the son of former NFL coach Buddy Ryan, was hired



away from New England to run the defense.

Offensively, they added one Super Bowl quarterback, Kerry Collins, to complement another, 2002 NFL MVP Rich Gannon, and No. 2 draft pick Robert Gallery, who has the demeanor of an old-school lineman. To run the whole show, former Washington coach Norv Turner was hired.

The Steelers' rebuilding effort also centers around a name from the past: 67-year-old former Cincinnati coach Dick LeBeau returns as defensive coordinator.

The man who made the Blitzburgh defense all the rage in the mid-1990s lacks the name players of then (Rod Woodson, Kevin Greene, Greg Lloyd), but hopes this less-recognizable defense can make a name for itself with ingenuity and creative blitzing.

"They're still doing a lot of the things here we did in the past," LeBeau said.

Just not as well. The Steelers were near the bottom in sacks (35) and turnovers (25) in 2003, and Cowher felt they were too passive and inactive. But while they changed coaches, they didn't change many players; the three new faces on defense (safeties

Chris Hope and Troy Polamalu) and linebacker Clark Haggans) all were backups last season.

Offensively, the main additions are running back Duce Staley and first-round quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who probably won't start until next season. The offensive line, so inconsistent a year ago, remains a work of unsteady progress.

"We are headed into a season of unknowns," Cowher said. "How we handle some of the bumps along the way will tell us a lot about the makeup of this team and the character of this team."

No doubt Turner could say the same thing. His offensive line was unsettled days before the opener, with Gallery practicing at tackle and guard. The running game won't scare anyone and, with 41-year-old Jerry Rice still starting, the Raiders look terribly thin at receiver.

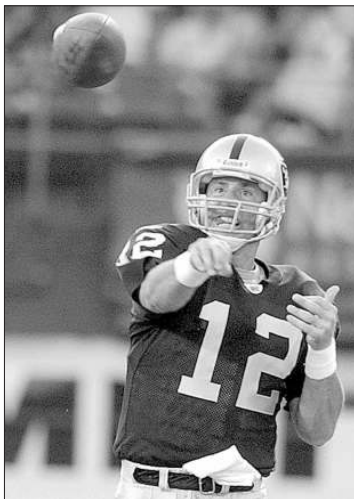
Cornelback Charles Woodson also missed training camp before signing a one-year contract and now must go against Pittsburgh's dangerous Plaxico Burress off to game action.

To compensate, Sapp said the Raiders must get after immobile quarterback Tommy Maddox before he can get the ball to Burress and Hines Ward, who has averaged seven catches and 82 yards in the last three Steelers' openings.

"We got to get it and rattle him and get him off the spot, where he's ... doing some stuff that is not in his game," Sapp said.

Based on the last two seasons, it's hard to tell which direction the Raiders will go in Pittsburgh.

They won here 30-17 in 2002 as Gannon, taking a quick drop and throwing before the confused



Oakland Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon, the NFL's MVP in 2002, played only seven games last season because of a shoulder injury.

Steelers could react, threw a club-record 64 times out of the since-disfamed West Coast offense. Last year, Oakland's offense never crossed the Steelers 20 in a 27-7 loss in which Ward suggested the Raiders effectively quit, they were 0-8 on the road

last season and have dropped nine straight there.

"You always want to start off the season with a win. You want to start off the season hot," wide receiver Jerry Porter said.

"We want to prove last year was an injury-ridden fluke."

Warner eager to make first start vs. Philadelphia

BY ROB MAADDI
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Kurt Warner traded in his clipboard and baseball cap for a helmet, a football and a new team.

Frustrated and humbled by injuries and inactivity, the two-time NFL MVP will start his first game since last year's opener when the New York Giants visit the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

Warner hasn't won a game since beating the Eagles in the 2003 NFC championship game to send the St. Louis Rams to the Super Bowl.

The stakes are much lower this time, but Warner wants to impress his new teammates.

"It's just exciting to be back on the field," said Warner, who has lost his last eight starts, including one to the New England Patriots in the 2001 Super Bowl. "Physically, I feel great. After not playing much last year, my body feels great. I just want to play at a high level." Warner lost his job to a much younger quarterback, Tom Brady, in St. Louis last season,



Warner

Warner isn't ready to relinquish his job, though.

"I'm very confident I can play at the level I've played in the past," he said. "Last year was the hardest thing I had to do, because I knew I could still play at the highest level. It was extremely frustrating as any season I've had."

While the Giants begin their rebuilding process under new coach Tom Coughlin, the three-time NFC East champion Eagles hope to start on a road that will take them to the Super Bowl after three straight losses in the conference title game.



They've added star wide receiver Terrell Owens to an offense that includes four-time Pro Bowl quarterback Donovan McNabb and running back Brian Westbrook. They brought in premier pass rusher Devon Kearse, three-time Pro Bowl defensive end Hugh Douglas and linebacker Dhami Jones and Jeremiah Trotter to bolster a defense that lost cornerbacks Troy Vincent, Bobby Taylor and linebacker Carlos Emmons.

Anything less than a trip to the Super Bowl will be considered a failure in a championship-starved city that hasn't celebrated since

the 76ers won the NBA title in 1983.

"It's not for me to say if I'm the missing link or not, but I definitely know my position on the team," Owens said. "I'm definitely here to win a Super Bowl, and that's the stand that I'm taking right now. We're going to take our first step toward that on Sunday."

The Giants are coming off a 4-12 season in which they lost their last eight games, costing coach Jim Fassel his job. Coughlin, who twice led the Jacksonville Jaguars to the AFC championship game in their first eight seasons, was hired in January, bringing his disciplinary style to a team he once worked for as an assistant under Bill Parcells.

Coughlin's task is similar to the one he had when he joined the expansion Jaguars. He has to prepare Manning for the future while leading the Giants back to respectability.

"I missed it a great deal, the players, the daily planning," Coughlin said about his year away from the game. "I also came away with a renewed energy for

the way things are done. I believe in doing things a certain way. I want players around me that share these kind of convictions."

The Eagles finished 12-4 last year, but again couldn't take advantage of playing at home in the playoffs, losing 14-3 to the Carolina Panthers in the NFC championship game.

McNabb is focused on getting past that hurdle, but he'll need Owens to play at his Pro Bowl level and Westbrook to stay healthy.

The Eagles have only untested second-year pro Reno Mahe and rookie Thomas Taylor behind Westbrook after Duce Staley left for Pittsburgh and Correll Buckhalter went down with a season-ending knee injury.

"I just have to step my game up," McNabb said. "As a quarterback, you want to make sure that you're doing whatever it takes in the pass game, as well as in the run game, to kind of take a lot of pressure off their shoulders. Where we're given opportunities to make plays, just make sure we put the guys in great position to be successful."

He Witt reaches U.S. Open final

BY BEN WALKER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lleyton Hewitt played another round of perfect tennis, putting aside his friendship with Joachim Johansson and handling the big Swede's booming serve to breeze into the U.S. Open final with a 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 victory Saturday.

Hewitt has not lost a set in winning six straight matches at Flushing Meadows. No man in the Open era — since 1968 — has won this tournament without losing at least one set.

The fourth-seeded Hewitt and No. 28 Johansson had never played for real, though they were plenty familiar with each other.

Johansson's longtime girlfriend, Jaslyn, is Hewitt's sister — not wanting to take sides, she sat in a private suite at Arthur Ashe Stadium, rather than in either player's private box.

Over the past two Christmas breaks, Johansson had joined the Hewitt family in Australia and played on their backyard court, practicing with Lleyton.

"It's definitely a bit awkward," Hewitt said. "My parents and sister sit in his box all week long."

Asked whom he thought Jaslyn rooted for, Hewitt said, "It has to be her brother."

Heard, the 2001 Open champion, will try for his third Grand Slam title on Sunday when he takes on the winner of the Roger Federer-Tim Henman match. Hewitt has a winning record against both players — 8-5 vs. Federer and 8-0 vs. Henman.

On Saturday night, the all-Russian women's final matched Elena Dementieva and Svetlana Kuznetsov.

In a match that was more entertaining than well-



Australia's Lleyton Hewitt makes a return against Joachim Johansson of Sweden in the U.S. Open Saturday in New York. Hewitt won 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

played, Dementieva somehow outlasted Jennifer Capriati 6-0, 2-6, 7-6 (5) Friday.

Dementieva won it on her second match point, and advanced to play Kuznetsova for the championship. Earlier, Kuznetsova became the first Russian woman to reach the Open final when she beat a limping Lindsay Davenport 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

It will be the second all-Russian final in a major this year. Dementieva lost to Anastasia Myskina in the French Open, then Russian Maria Sharapova won Wimbledon.

Hewitt won his 16th straight match overall, closing it out with taking the final 12 points. He had only 14 unforced errors after having just 10 in his quarterfinal win over Tommy Haas.

Johansson's best chance was overpowering Hewitt with his serve, and it didn't work. True to form, Hewitt managed to get those rockets back just to finish.

Johansson relied on his serve in beating Andy Roddick in the quarters, and began the day with 106 total aces, the most in the tournament. He finished with 17 aces to Hewitt's nine.

On the other hand, Johansson had only one break chance the entire afternoon. He missed it, and the fifth game of the day went to Hewitt.

Drexler glides into hoops Hall of Fame

BY TRUDY TYNAN
The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — On the playgrounds of Houston, a young Clyde Drexler used to pretend he was Julius Erving, flying over defenders with a championship on the line.

On Friday night, Drexler's idol, "Dr. J," presented him for induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

"I'm dreaming tonight," Drexler said. "My childhood idol is presenting me for induction into the Hall of Fame. It doesn't get any better than this. I am dreaming. I don't want to be awakened."

Drexler, who earned the nickname "Clyde the Glide" for his own swooping moves, was inducted Friday along with coach Bill Sharman, already in the Hall of Fame as a player; the late Maurice Stokes, the 1956 NBA rookie of the year; Lynette Woodard, an Olympic gold medalist and the first woman to play for the Harlem Globetrotters; Jerry Colangelo, chairman of the Phoenix Suns; and Drzen Dalipagic, an international star.

"He seemed to fly. I wanted to be like him," Drexler said of Erving.

What set Drexler apart, Erving said, was his ability and imagination to take the game above the rim and "make things happen."

Selected as one of the 50 great-



Clyde Drexler is one of three players in NBA history with more than 20,000 points, 6,000 rebounds and 6,000 assists.

est players in the NBA in 1997, the 6-foot-7 guard excelled at all levels of the game.

Drexler attended the University of Houston and was part of the high-flying Phi Slama Jama teams that played in two Final Fours.

In his 15-year NBA career, Drexler led the Portland Trail Blazers to the NBA Finals in 1990 and '92, and won a championship with Houston in 1995. He's one of three players in league history with 20,000 points, 6,000 rebounds and 6,000 assists. He won an Olympic gold medal with the Dream Team in 1992.

Canadian Weir leads in Ontario

The Associated Press

OAKVILLE, Ontario — The Canadian Open got the perfect gift for its 100th anniversary — Mike Weir in the lead with a flawless round of 5-under-66, and a show-down with the No. 1 player in golf looming on the weekend.

Weir made Glen Abbey sound like Sunday at Augusta National, sending the gallery into a frenzy with a 3-iron into 3 feet for eagle to take the lead and sticking a 5-iron close for birdie on his final hole to finish one shot ahead of Vijay Singh among those who finished 36 holes Friday.

Weir was at 9-under 133 and in the lead in his national open for the first time.

In his first tournament since replacing Tiger Woods at No. 1 in the world, Singh certainly looked no different. After finishing his first round in 40, he was 10 under. The Canadian Open record with a 28 on the front nine — 7 under during one seven-hole stretch — then added a 66 in the second round. Because of a 5-hour rain delay at the start of the tournament, about half the field was going to have to return Saturday morning to finish the second round.

Craig Barlow, Weir's best friend from their mini-tour days, had a 69 and was at 6-under 142.

Sorenstam one stroke back in first action in five weeks
BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Christina Kim shot a 6-under 65

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and held a one-stroke lead over Annika Sorenstam and rookie Shi Hyun Ahn after the first round of the John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic.

Kim, coming off a second-place finish at the State Farm Classic, had seven birdies and a bogey.

Sorenstam, playing for the first time in five weeks, and Ahn were one stroke in front of Retley Rankin, another tour newcomer.

Three golfers were tied at 68. Defending champion Karrie Webb, who won last year by nine strokes, shot a 3-over 73.

Sorenstam had seven birdies and two bogeys. She made birdie putts from 12 feet on 12 and from about 15 feet on 18.

McDowell holds lead in German Masters
PULHEIM, Germany — Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland shot a 3-under-par 69 Saturday, giving him a three-stroke lead over European Ryder Cup player Padraig Harrington of Ireland after three rounds in the German Masters.

McDowell, a former top-ranked NCAA golfer at UAB, played an excellent round before bogeying the 16th and 17th holes. He was at 18-under-par 202 with one round left in the final event before next week's Ryder Cup with the United States.

States at Oakland Hills outside Detroit.

Els on a roll in Korea
CHEONAN, South Korea — Ernie Els shot a 3-under-par 69 and trailed leader Terry Pikardis of Australia by a stroke after two rounds of the Korean Open.

Els, ranked No. 3 in the world, was at 4-under 140 in the Asian Tour event and is bidding for his fourth title this year. His round was highlighted by an eagle on the par-5 11th.

Goosen fades in Japan
INZAI, Japan — Two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen shot a 1-over 71 to fall seven strokes behind in the Suntory Open, while Australian Scott Laycock took a one-stroke lead with a 69.

Laycock offset three bogeys with four birdies and is at 6-under 134 at the Sobe Country Club.

South Korea's Y.E. Yang is a stroke back along with three others after an even-par 70.

Kroger Classic under way
MAINEVILLE, Ohio — European Tour veteran Des Smyth and television analyst Gary McCord shot 7-under 65 to share the first-round lead at the Kroger Classic.

Tom Kite, David Eger and David T有所 were at 6 under, and six players were two strokes off the pace.

U.S. team led in semis of World Cup of Hockey

The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Saku Koivu's unchallenged goal with 3:54 left Friday night lifted Finland to a 2-1 victory over the United States in the World Cup of Hockey semifinal.

The Americans, who led 1-0 with 15 minutes remaining, were denied a chance to defend their 1996 World Cup title. The Finns advance to Tuesday's championship game in Toronto, where they will play either the Czech Republic or Canada — who play Saturday in the other semifinal.

Koivu and his teammates swarmed goalie Mikko Kiprusoff when the horn sounded, and the mob of blue jerseys slid back toward the boards to celebrate their trip to the final.

Doug Weight's power-play goal on a pretty pass from Scott Gomez gave the U.S. team and goalie Robert Esche the lead midway through the second period. But Kiprusoff kept Finland in it with another sound performance in the net.

Kiprusoff — whose Calgary Flames beat U.S. coach Ron Wilson's NHL team, the San Jose Sharks, in the Western Conference finals last season — made 16 saves. Esche stopped 10 shots.

Olli Jokinen knocked in a loose puck to tie the game at 1 early in the third, snapping the Finns out of their slumber after managing just

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seven shots on net through the first two periods.

A defensive lapse cost the U.S. team when it counted, though.

Ossi Vaananen sent a pass across the ice to Koivu, who was camped out at the right post. He bobbed the puck twice but still had plenty of time to put an uncontested shot in as Brian Leetch and Tony Amonte arrived too late.

Back spasms end Jones' year
BERLIN — Marion Jones pulled out of Sunday's Golden League meet because of back pain, and organizers said she won't compete again this year.

Also out of the meet is Liu Xiang, the Olympic 110-meter hurdles champion and co-holder of the world record. Organizers said he did not receive permission from his federation.

Armstrong has knee tendinitis
SAN FRANCISCO — Lance Armstrong withdrew from Sunday's street race in San Francisco because of tendinitis in his right knee.

Armstrong, who won his record sixth straight Tour de France title in July, had already arrived in San Francisco when his knee began bothering him enough that he knew he needed to rest it.

Japanese position players catch on in majors

By TIM KORTE

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Not so long ago, the thinking around baseball was that only pitchers had a shot at jumping across the Pacific Ocean from the Japanese leagues to the majors.

Ichiro Suzuki turned around that idea when he became the AL MVP and Rookie of the Year in 2001 and 2002. Then came a shogun as Hideki Matsui joined the New York Yankees last year. And this season, Mets rookie shortstop Kaz Matsui hit a first-pitch home run in his first at-bat.

"You're seeing an influx not just of players from Japan, but very good players. These guys are having a dramatic effect on the game," Seattle manager Bob Melvin said.

With Suzuki bearing down on his second batting title and aiming at the 84-year-old major league record for hits in a season, Japanese position players are making a difference on both sides of the ocean.

"It's a very positive influence, not only for Japanese players but for children in Japan," Hideki Matsui said through an interpreter. "They can dream not only to play Japanese baseball, but to make it over here and have an impact."

These guys were the Japa-



New York Rockies shortstop Kaz Matsui was hitting .275 with 41 RBIs when back spasms sent him to the disabled list on Aug. 15. He has committed 23 errors.

nese pioneers. Hideo Nomo, with his corkscrew delivery, was NL Rookie of the Year with Los Angeles in 1995.

Going way back, the first Japanese player in the majors was lefty reliever Masanori Murakami, who played with the San Francisco Giants in 1964 and 1965 before returning home — a void unfilled until Nomo's arrival.

Today, major league rosters are dotted with Japanese relievers such as Shigetoshi Hasegawa in Seattle, Kazuhiro Tadano in

Cleveland and Shingo Takatsu with the Chicago White Sox.

Position players are special though, because they've shown they can make a difference every day.

"I'm very happy for that," Suzuki said through a translator.

"I'm starting to open up a little bit. There will be more opportunities for others. It's definitely a good thing."

Suzuki sure has made an impact. Four years in the majors, four All-Star appearances and three Gold Gloves in right field, along with becoming one of the game's best basemen.

Though the Mariners won't be a factor this fall, Suzuki remains one of baseball's most closely followed stories this September.

By midweek, Suzuki had 227 hits — 30 short of George Sisler's major of 267 set in 1924 with the St. Louis Browns. It's a record that seems certain to fall, since Suzuki was hitting .377 with 24 games remaining.

Simply put, Suzuki is the season's most fascinating hit.

"You can't try to pitch him a certain way because he's going to hurt you," Cleveland starter C.C. Sabathia said this week. "I just tried to hit my spots and hope he hit it at somebody because you're not going to strike him out."

Mariners are coming out to see Suzuki perform. He had two hits off Sabathia in a 5-0 loss to the Indi-

ans on Monday, when a thin Safeco Field crowd diminished even more after Suzuki's ninth-inning strikeout.

"The last at-bat, I heard some cheers and then I saw some people leaving," Suzuki said.

He received a spontaneous ovation on Tuesday after a 5-for-5 performance in Chicago in an 8-7 loss to the White Sox.

"It shows where this thing is going right now," Melvin said.

"A five-hit game, a third of the year. Everybody is really talking the note of it now."

It was once believed in Japan that American fans would never support a Japanese player, another myth that long ago was punctured.

"It's not true," Hasegawa said. "American fans like the good players — Japanese, Dominican, American. They treat them all the same. Japanese people can see that now."

Meanwhile, Hideki Matsui snapped an 0-for-110 streak after three at-bats — including a two-run double — in Tuesday's 11-2 win over Tampa Bay.

The Yankees are in a pennant race, and that was Matsui's first game in the cleanup spot, a prestigious position in the lineup on either side of the ocean but considered a great honor in Japan.

The "don't really place much emphasis on where you hit in the lineup," Matsui said with typical

modesty. "Being a cleanup hitter has its responsibilities, but I don't really change my approach based on where I hit."

As of this week, Matsui had played in 1,550 straight games — 1,250 with the Yomiuri Giants and 300 with the Yankees during the start of his major league career last season.

Kaz Matsui attracted attention this season by demonstrating that an infielder could make the jump from Japan. Until going on the disabled list Aug. 15 with back spasms, he was hitting .275 with 41 RBIs. He had 31 doubles and 13 stolen bases.

He has struggled in the field, however, committing 23 errors.

Other players have struggled to make the cultural adjustment. Most recently, former Mariners closer Kazuhiro Sasaki wound the final year of his contract so he could return to Japan to be with his family.

The consensus among baseball insiders, though, is that more Japanese players are coming, and the path cleared by the likes of Nomo, Suzuki and Matsui will only make things easier for those who follow.

"These guys have opened the avenues for other players," Melvin said. "Guys can hear, 'I've got a shot to come over and make a difference too. It's going to keep happening.'"

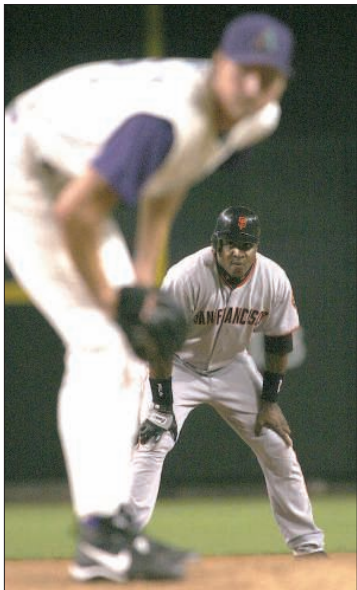
AP Sports Writer Mike Fitzpatrick in New York contributed to this report.

Major League Baseball statistics

Through Sept. 10

American League

	TEAM BATTING					
	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Anaheim	4928	728	1414	138	683	286
Boston	4943	816	1408	194	783	284
Baltimore	4915	713	1380	139	676	280
Cleveland	4963	766	1380	164	731	278
Detroit	4833	729	1337	166	698	272
Oakland	4799	709	1332	167	677	272
New York	4826	722	1300	213	756	269
Texas	4856	738	1298	204	710	267
Seattle	4949	603	1319	127	565	266
Chicago	4806	749	1283	206	714	266
Minnesota	4853	661	1277	162	621	266
Toronto	4870	633	1277	122	602	262
Kansas City	4795	628	1253	132	594	261
Tampa Bay	4717	597	1203	123	573	255
INDIVIDUAL BATTING						



San Francisco's Barry Bonds leads off second as Arizona's Randy Johnson looks in for a sign from his catcher during the seventh inning of Friday night's game in Phoenix. Arizona beat San Francisco 2-1 to give Johnson his 100th victory with the franchise on his 41st birthday.

No repeat at Wrigley

Cubs gain DH split after Pavano dominates opener

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs made sure Florida didn't complete another sweep in the World Series champion Marlins' return to Wrigley Field.

Eleven months after the Marlins won the sixth and seventh games of the NL championship series in Chicago, Carl Pavano scattered seven hits in his second shutout of the season, leading Florida over the Cubs 7-0 in the doubleheader opener Friday.

Moises Alou and Aramis Ramirez hit consecutive homers in the second game to help Chicago win 11-2 and move back into the NL wild-card lead, a percentage point ahead of Houston and San Francisco. The Marlins and San Diego Padres are 1½ games back.

"It was important for them not to come into our house and sweep us," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "Very rarely do you see reverse blowouts like today."

Mark Prior (5-4) gave up two runs and nine hits in a season-high eight innings, struck out eight and walked none. Neff Perez had four hits and Paul Bako three.

Randy Kensing lost in his major league debut, giving up five runs and eight hits in two-plus innings. Pavano (17-5) won his fifth straight start by defeating Kerry Wood (7-7), who gave up six runs — four earned — and 11 hits in six innings.

The teams also must play a doubleheader Sept. 20 in Miami. And

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the Marlins play Montreal on Monday and Tuesday across town at the Chicago White Sox's stadium, a switch made because of Hurricane Ivan.

"We have a crazy next 10 days," Pavano said.

Diamondbacks 2, Giants 1: Randy Johnson (13-15) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings on his 41st birthday, striking out eight to earn his 100th victory with host Arizona.

Doug DeVore hit a two-run homer in the seventh off Jim Browne (7-7) and Greg Aquino pitched a scoreless ninth as his 11th save.

Barry Bonds, who remained two shy of 700 home runs, was nailed by a 95 mph fastball from Johnson in the fourth, then singled and scored on Yorvit Torrealba's seventh-inning home. Bonds also tied the season record for walks he set two years ago at 198.

Pirates 6, Astros 1: Rookie John Van Benschoten (1-3) allowed five hits in eight innings for his first major league victory.

The visiting Astros, who had won 12 straight before losing the opener of Thursday's doubleheader, have lost two of three for the first time since Aug. 20-22 after Chicago.

Pete Munro (4-6) allowed four runs and nine hits in five innings.

Padres 10, Rockies 4: Khalil Greene and Ryan Klesko hit three-run homers at Denver. Brian Lawrence (14-12) won despite allowing four runs, eight hits and three walks in six innings. Tim Lincecum (6-4) lost.

Dodgers 7, Cardinals 6: Steve Finley broke a 5-5 tie in the seventh with a two-run homer off Kiki Calero (1-1) and Adrian Beltré hit a three-run homer, his major league-leading 45th.

Scott Loren drove in the visiting Cardinals' first four runs before leaving with a strained left knee in the fourth.

Braves 4, Expos 3: Johnny Estrada hit a three-run homer off John Patterson (3-5) in the first. Marcus Giles also homered and the host Braves shook off the arrest of Rafael Furcal to snap a three-game losing streak.

Furcal spent much of the day in jail after being arrested on drunken driving charges. He got to the stadium about 10 minutes before the game and didn't play.

Phillies 9, Mets 5: Jason Michaels went 4-for-5 with a tiebreaking two-run homer in the seventh off Ricky Bottalico (3-2) and had four RBIs. Placido Polanco also homered and Jimmy Rollins hit a two-run single for winning Philadelphia, which has won four straight and seven of eight.

Reds 6, Brewers 4: Wily Mo Pena homered for the second straight and had trouble catching his breath while pitching against Cincinnati on Aug. 8. Test results revealed blood clots in both lungs.

Cook was 6-4 with a 4.28 ERA in 16 starts.

Mets' Ginter faces surgery

NEW YORK — Pitcher Matt Ginter was worked on the 60-day disabled list by the New York Mets on Saturday and will have surgery Monday to remove bone chips from his right ankle.

Ginter was 1-3 in 15 games with the Mets and 1-5 in 11 appearances with Norfolk of the International League this season.

Padres call up Bynum

DENVER — The San Diego Padres purchased the contract of left-hander Mike Bynum from Portland of the Pacific Coast League on Monday.

Bynum was 6-6 with a 3.19 ERA in 62 games out of the bullpen for the Beavers this season.

He was 1-4 with an 8.75 ERA in two starts with the Padres last season.

In 27 major league games, Bynum is 2-4 with a 7.25 ERA.

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San Francisco	IP	H	R	E	R	B	SO
Torres L-7	6	2	0	0	2	7	
Waller	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Arizona							
Robinson W-13	7	4	1	1	1	8	
Koplove	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Aguino 5-11	1	0	0	0	2	0	

HPB—by Robinson (Bonds), WP—Torres, Aquino 7-223, A=34,984 (6/33).

Dodgers 7, Cardinals 6

ST. LOUIS	ab	r	b	h	ab	r	b	h
Wack 2b	3	1	1	0	Litwiler ss	4	2	2
Walker lf	4	0	0	0	Sfrinley cf	3	2	2
Pagán 1b	2	1	0	0	Bellamy rf	4	0	0
Rolen 3b	2	1	2	4	Bellamy rf	4	1	1
Luna 2b	1	0	0	0	Worth 1b	3	1	1
Mandph ph	0	0	0	0	Cors 2b	1	0	0
Alreys ph	0	0	0	0	Mayne c	3	0	1
Reiners lf	5	0	0	0	Islip p	0	0	0
Edmoff cf	4	0	0	0	Walruff p	2	0	0
Reiners lf	4	1	2	1	Shelby p	0	0	0
Milhey c	4	0	0	0	Carroll p	0	0	0
McPh ph	1	1	0	0	Strickland p	0	0	0
Calero p	1	0	0	0	Gagne p	1	0	0
Cedeno ph	1	0	0	0				
Talbot 3b	0	0	0	0				

ST. LOUIS 34 6 0 0 0 Totals 32 7 11 7

Lkhrd ph	1	0	0	Grwsk ph	1	0	0	0
Marquis p	2	1	0	Brzban p	1	0	0	0
Calero p	0	0	0	Gagne p	1	0	0	0
Cedeno ph	1	0	1					
Mabry 3b	0	0	0					
Totals	34	6	10	6	Totals	32	7	11
St. Louis	013	010	001	—6				
Los Angeles	023	000	20x	—7				
DP—St. Louis 2. LOB—St. Louis 11, Los Angeles 5. 2B—Rolen (32), Izturis (25), Cora (9). HR—Rolen (33), RSanders (22), Sfinley (32). Beltre (4), ShGreen (23), Werth (32), SB—Eidson (6), Izturis (24), CS Sfinley (6), ShGreen (2). 5—Womack, Marquis, SF—Bancor.								



Boston Red Sox's Manny Ramirez points skyward as he walks with teammate Johnny Damon after Ramirez hit a grand slam in the seventh inning Friday in Seattle.

Schilling plays stopper again

Ramirez grand slam highlights Boston ace's 19th win

By Jim Cour
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — When the Boston Red Sox are coming off a loss, they want Curt Schilling on the mound.

Schilling became the first 19-game winner in the major leagues this year and Manny Ramirez homered twice, including his second grand slam of the season, to lead Boston over the Seattle Mariners 13-2 Friday night.

Schilling (19-6) won his sixth straight start, his longest winning streak since he won six in a row with Arizona from June 30 to July 27, 2002. He allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings, walking none for the fifth consecutive start. Schilling is 10-3 following Boston losses, winning seven in a row.

"I wanted to come here and I wanted to help this team get to a World Series," Schilling said. "Right now, it's working out that way. We're playing great baseball and things are going well for us."

David Ortiz hit a go-ahead homer in a five-run sixth inning, and Johnny Damon had three RBIs for the Red Sox, who cut the New York Yankees'

AL East lead to 2½ games. Before the game, Schilling watched some of the Yankees' 14-8 loss at Baltimore.

"I realized a lot of good things could happen tonight," he said.

Mariners manager Bob Melvin, Arizona's bench coach when Schilling and Randy Johnson helped the Diamondbacks beat the Yankees in the World Series three years ago, thinks Schilling might be a better pitcher now.

"He was throwing some stuff I haven't seen him throw before," Melvin said. "He has picked up a cutter and a two-seamer."

Ramirez tied Ted Williams and Jimmie Foxx for fifth on the career grand slam list at 17, passing Hank Aaron and Babe Ruth. The only players ahead of Ramirez are Lou Gehrig (23), Eddie Murray (19), and Willie McCovey and Robin Ventura (18 each).

Ramirez, who hit a solo homer in the fourth off Ryan Franklin (3-15) and the grand slam in the seventh against Aaron Taylor, reached 40 homers for the fourth time in his career, the first since 2001. Ortiz and Ramirez have homered in the same game 12 times this season.

"When Manny hit both those balls, he looked like he was out in front of them," manager Terry Francona said. "But he used his hands and his wrists. I'm glad he's on our side."

Ramirez, Boston's left fielder, made an error on Dan Wilson's fly ball that led to four unearned runs in the fifth inning of a 7-1 loss to Seattle on Thursday night. He said he wasn't thinking about making up for his misdeed.

"I just try to go out and do my thing," he said. "I don't want to put any pressure on myself."

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 0-for-4, ending his 14-game hitting streak. Suzuki has 229 hits, 28 shy of the record George Sisler set in 1920.

Franklin gave up seven runs — three earned — six hits in three walks in 5½ innings, dropping to 0-11 on 17 starts since beating the Chicago White Sox on June 5. He is Seattle's first 15-game loser since Erik Hanson was 8-17 in 1992.

Franklin wasn't around to talk to the media after the game. His left thumb died two days ago and he had immediately after showing to take a plane Spiro, Okla., his hometown, for the funeral on Saturday.

Fifth straight loss cuts A's lead in West to one

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — From countless clutch homers to a 20-game winning streak, the Oakland Athletics have specialized in late-season, late-inning heroics over the past four years.

They seemed ready to work that magic again on Friday night until Casey Blake and Cleveland's bullpen stole the show.

Blake's 12th-inning homer sent the A's to their fifth straight loss, 4-3 to the surging Indians. Oakland's lead in the AL West dwindled to one game over the Anaheim Angels despite plenty of chances to snap the skid that is threatening the A's run for a fifth straight postseason trip.

Coco Crisp tied it with a home run in the eighth inning off Mark Mulder. The Indians got 6½ scoreless innings from seven relievers, and Ryan Ludwick also homered in Cleveland's sixth victory over Oakland in seven meetings this season.

"We came out of a real good pitching duel with a win," Crisp said. "It was just a couple of mistakes either way."

Nick Swisher's spectacular diving catch in the 11th seemed to herald another memorable victory, but the A's couldn't do it.

After Oakland couldn't score with the bases loaded and one out in the 11th, Blake — hitless in his first five at-bats — hit his 26th homer off rookie Justin Duchscherer (5-6). Oakland's fifth of six straight losses.

Rick White (5-5) escaped the 11th-inning jam for Cleveland, and Bob Wickman finished for his eighth save in nine chances.

Orioles 14, Yankees 8: Brian Roberts and Larry Bigbie had two hits apiece in an eight-run

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third inning, and the Orioles ended the visiting Yankees' five-game winning streak.

Miguel Tejada and Melvin Mora homered, and B.J. Surhoff had a season-high four RBIs for the Orioles, who have won eight of 11.

Baltimore sent 13 batters to the plate in the third against Javier Vazquez (13-9) and two relievers.

Angels 7, White Sox 5: Garrett Anderson hit a tiebreaking two-run single off Jeff Baganaru (0-1) in the eighth inning and Vladimir Guerrero had a three-run homer, leading the Angels over visiting Chicago.

Francisco Rodriguez (3-1) got the win despite allowing three hits and three runs — two earned — in one inning.

Twins 4, Tigers 1: Carlos Silva (11-8) won for the first time in more than a month and Jacques Jones drove in two runs to lead Minnesota at Detroit.

J.C. Romero extended his scoreless streak to 35½ innings, and Joe Nathan finished for his 40th save.

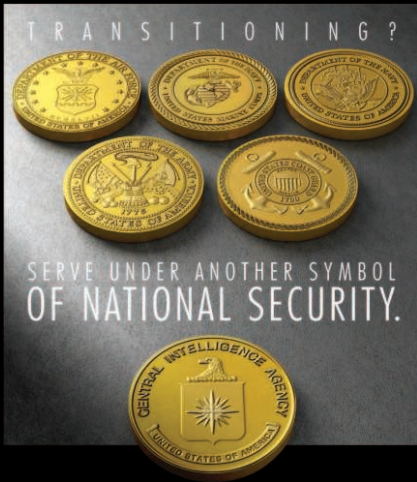
Rangers 10, Blue Jays 3: Ryan Drees pitched seven innings and Kevin Mench homered twice for the Rangers at home.

Drees (12-8) allowed one run and six hits, struck out seven and walked one.

Royals 8, Devil Rays 5: Dee Brown and Desi Relaford doubled during a six-run seventh inning and the Royals rallied from a five-run deficit to send visiting Tampa Bay to its 12th straight loss.

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Better late than never

Miami rallies, defeats FSU in overtime in game delayed 4 days by Hurricane Frances

BY MARK LONG
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Although Chris Rix's fumble overshadowed Xavier Bettin's blocked field goal, Florida State coach Bobby Bowden will remember them both.

The mistakes cost his team dearly against Miami on Friday night, as the fifth-ranked Hurricanes rallied to beat the No. 4 Seminoles 16-10 in overtime for their sixth straight victory in the series.

"This was beyond frustration," Bowden said. "This is about as disappointing as it gets."

Bettin had a 34-yard blocked with about four minutes to play.

The kick would have given Florida State a 10-point lead. Instead, it gave Miami life in the hurricane-delayed season opener for both teams.

Brock Berlin drove the Hurricanes 80 yards in five plays, connecting with Sinorice Moss on a 30-yard touchdown play to tie it at 10 with 30 seconds to play.

Still, the Seminoles had a chance to pull ahead in overtime. But Rix fumbled on third down, and the Hurricanes ended it from there.

Frank Gore ran 18 yards on Miami's second play in overtime, giving the Hurricanes a victory in

their first game in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"We had our chance to put them away and we didn't," Bowden said. "They had a chance to put us away and they did."

The meeting was the third in less than 11 months for the teams.

The game was delayed four days because of Hurricane Frances, which also was blamed for killing Bowden's 15-year-old grandson and former son-in-law. They were killed last Sunday when their car was hit by a utility truck that was helping to restore power outages.

Bowden said the distraction didn't affect his team.

Rix and the kicking game did, though.

The rivalry has been defined by missed field goals, all of them by Florida State. Wide Right I, II and III. Bettin's wide left kick in 2002 and his wide right one at the end of the 2004 Orange Bowl.

The block merely adds a new twist to an old story.

"It's amazing, the kicking game through the years," Bowden said. "They haven't blocked kicks; we've missed them. Tonight, they blocked it. I believe we would have won the game if they didn't block it."

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AP

Miami RB Frank Gore scores the game-winning touchdown against Florida State in overtime Friday in Miami. The Hurricanes rallied from a 10-0 halftime deficit and tied the game with 30 seconds left in regulation.

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